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Neumann Warns Against Optimism, Sees British Government Unchanged

Jewish Group To Participate In London Parley

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
LONDON—The Anglo-Jewish Association at its annual general meeting authorized its leaders to participate in the Palestine conference opening next Monday or join any discussions of Palestine's future. The meeting also passed a resolution regretting that the Jewish Agency had decided not to participate in the conference.

Leonard Stein, president, said it was tragic that the "Zionist movement at Basle placed itself in the hands of demagogues and their dupes. It is tragic that in the naive belief that they are serving the Jewish cause, American Zionists are doing their best to estrange and antagonize the British who are the most tolerant and steadfast friends of the Jews." Stein hoped that a Palestine solution, perhaps partition, could be found and urged "imaginative British statesmanship."

Another resolution condemned the "wicked, senseless outrages" in Palestine which are distressing all Jews, particularly British Jews. He stressed that while British Jews are powerless to prevent outrages, "they looked with horror on acts which directly contravene the teachings of Judaism and are completely at variance with the ideals which inspired the pioneers of the national home."

SLIGHT CHANCE FOR BRITISH TO O.K. PARTITION PROPOSAL

BULLETINS

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
LONDON—David Ben Gurion and Moshe Shertok were to arrive Wednesday here Tuesday and Moshe Shertok was to arrive Wednesday. They will participate with other Zionist leaders in informal talks with the British.

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
CAIRO—A report here said that the Palestine Arab delegation met with the exiled Grand Mufti and decided to demand complete Arab independence for Palestine and not to discuss any other proposals.

By OTTO SCHICK

J. T. A. Correspondent
LONDON—A warning against "high expectations" concerning the forthcoming informal talks between leaders of the World Zionist movement and representatives of the British Government, which may be started here this week, was voiced by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America and a member of the World Zionist executive.

Jewish Agency Demands Violence Stop

Special
JERUSALEM—While the Irgun and Stern groups were studying the warning of the Jewish Agency and the Vaad Leumi to end their violence, an Agency spokesman said the warning doesn't contemplate "shooting between Jews." He explained the significance of Monday's Vaad Leumi resolution as a serious warning that force will be used as self protection. He added that all speakers before the Vaad Leumi had voiced abhorrence of force and the resolution should be interpreted as a "stage of internal self protection while showing dissident groups we mean business."

Commenting on reports that the British Government intends to propose the partitioning of Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states, Dr. Neumann said: "The basis for such reports is far too slight to make them a subject of serious discussion. Generally, I would caution my fellow Zionists and the Jewish world against unfounded speculation regarding the intentions of the British Government. I would most certainly caution them against raising high expectations concerning developments in the near future. Optimistic forecasts often lead to disillusionment."

A sharp attack on the decision of the Jewish Agency not to participate in the London Conference on Palestine was made by H. A. Goodman, political secretary of the Agudas Israel, during a debate at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Goodman challenged the right of the Agency to speak on behalf of all the Jewish people in matters relating to Palestine, and said that he believed a grave mistake was being made by Zionist leaders in refusing to attend the London talks. If Jewish representatives had attended the conference when its first session was held last summer, "the position of the Jews today could not be much worse, and might be much better," he added.

Looting Heavy After Haifa Explosion

Part of the ruins of the Haifa, Palestine, District Police Headquarters are inspected by officers after the recent bombing that killed four policemen and injured more than 50 persons. The bomb was reported to have been in a truck driven into the heavily-guarded headquarters by a man in a police uniform believed to be a member of the Stern Gang.

The explosion was followed by looting of Jewish stores and business enterprises, by Arabs on a large scale. The city looked like after a pogrom under the Czars in Russia. Sixty Jewish stores mostly jewelry and furniture are known to have been looted and wrecked. The damage to the Jewish owners is estimated to amount to \$750,000.

Council for Judaism Hits Palestine Violence

Special
NEW YORK—In a statement calling for the end to violence in Palestine, the New York Chapter of the American Council for Judaism this week saw the goodwill and support of Americans who have contributed to the upbuilding of Palestine being endangered. The group urged all Americans and the government here to exert moral influence to end the campaign of violence and terrorism that has taken a heavy toll of life and property.

"The violence has turned Palestine into an armed camp," the statement added, "and the trend of events foreshadows a tragic climax that may threaten the peace of the world. The terrorism must be halted before that happens."

Haganah Says 20,000 Reached Eretz 'Illegally'

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
PARIS—Over 20,000 visaless Jews reached Palestine shores since the end of the war in Europe in boats of the "Flottilla of the Jewish resistance," a Jewish Resistance Movement spokesman told the J.T.A. The spokesman stressed that the organizers of the underground transports were affiliated with the Haganah and had no connection with terrorists.

Dr. Frank Graham, President of the University of North Carolina, has been awarded the third Carolina Israelite Gold Medal for the furtherance of inter-faith amity.

Name Terrorist Holds No Shame for Jews

Special
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Desire for the eventual formation of a Jewish state in Palestine is so great that every Jew there is willing to be labelled a "terrorist," if that is necessary to gain the goal, according to Meyer Zolotareff, Chicago newspaperman.

He said he saw British troops use Nazi tactics of beating, looting and attacks as reprisal measures against activities of the Stern gang and the Irgun.

U.J.A. Big Gifts Meet Set Feb. 22 In Washington

Special
WASHINGTON, D. C. — The eyes of the Jewish Community of the United States will be centered on this city, Feb. 22, Washington's birthday, when the "standard-setting conference" of the United Jewish Appeal is held here. Known as the "Big Gifts" meeting, this conference, it is felt by most observers, will play a large part in determining the success of the 1947 drive for \$170,000,000.

Synagogue Barricaded Jews Win
Jewish Telegraphic Agency
HAMBURG — Sixty-five displaced Jews who barricaded themselves in the synagogue at Lubeck, in northern Germany, more than two weeks ago and refused to move to a DP camp, won a victory when British occupation authorities agreed to assign apartments to them.

Expect 1500 at Z.O.A. Conference in Chicago

(By Zionist Organization)
CHICAGO — Zionist leaders and key workers from 40 different states will gather here to attend the three-day national mobilization conference of the Zionist Organization of America beginning Friday through Sunday, at the Hotel Stevens. An attendance of some 1500 is expected.

The conference will, for the most part, be devoted to a review of the political situation in regard to Palestine.

The business sessions will be given over to important clinics and panel discussions covering the manifold phases of the activities carried on by the Z.O.A. These include Membership, Expansion Fund, Education, Radio, Veterans Committee and Unity Committee.

Safeguards Included In 4 Peace Treaties

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
WASHINGTON — The text of the peace treaties with Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary and Rumania, which contain clauses obligating Hungary and Rumania to restore heirless Jewish property to Jewish communities or organizations in those countries and obligating all four ex-satellites to guarantee human rights and basic freedoms regardless of race or religion, was released by the State Department this week.

Guard 3 Synagogues Threatened In Letter

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
LONDON — Police surrounded three synagogues which were threatened in an anonymous letter sent to the London Jewish Chronicle, signed "National Guard." The letter also threatened the kidnapping, flogging, and ejection from public places of prominent Jews. Jewish officials discounted the letter as the work of "irresponsible persons not intending execution of the threats."

Admits Synagogue Arson

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
LONDON—Ivor Worth, alleged to be a member of the fascist National Guard, was this week held for trial on charges of having attempted to set fire to the only synagogue in Bristol several weeks ago. At first Worth denied the charge, but police say that later he made a statement admitting his part in the fire. "I admit it," he said, "we are at war with Jewry and the Jews in Palestine and it is time we hit back."

Fishman Buried on Mt. Olives

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
JERUSALEM—Jacob Fishman, American Zionist leader and editorial columnist of the Jewish Morning Journal, who died in Basle while attending the World Zionist Congress, was buried this week on the Mount of Olives.

U. S. Mails Questions For Synagogue Census

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
WASHINGTON — Questionnaires are being mailed to all churches and synagogues in the United States for the fifth decennial census of religious bodies, the Bureau of the Census announced this week.

Taken every ten years since 1906, the census provides the only official government figures with respect to membership in the various denominations or organizations. The last census, taken in 1936, revealed that there were 3,728 local Jewish congregations with a membership of 4,641,184. There were 2,851 synagogue buildings reported with a total value of approximately \$126,000,000.

NEW YORK

By M. Z. FRANK

THE reader may recall that in a letter to the editor published in The Jewish Post of Dec. 14, this columnist was taken to task for showing disrespect to a member of the Zionist Executive by referring to him as Nahum, and that in the following issue I apologized to everyone I had called by his or her first name in my column, in alphabetical order. I added that I still intended to refer to Helen Warren as Helen when I got around to interviewing her but would certainly apologize in the following column.

Well, here is the story about Helen. After several interviews over nearly a year, here it is.

To begin with, she is beautiful. Next, she is extremely bright. Her importance for this column is that she has seen and done a great deal more about D.P.s in Europe and about Palestine than most of us. Of added importance is the fact that she is a very recent convert to Zionism and that she has had no Jewish background to speak of.

AS AN AMERICAN ACTRESS in the war zone, Helen Warren was in a position to penetrate into the prisoners' camps and to discover Jews where none were supposed to exist. She was the first one to bring to the Jewish survivors food and clothing at a time when members of the staff of the J.D.C. were not yet permitted to enter. Her inquiries proved helpful to the J.D.C. and paved the way for Earl Harrison's mission and report on the Jewish D.P.'s with its recommendation which Truman later adopted for demanding the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews from Europe into Palestine.

In Europe Helen became acquainted with the Jewish Brigade, which was her first contact with Zionism. She helped move Jews from Europe to Palestine. When she returned to America, she saw many influential people, including Eleanor Roosevelt, Dean Gildersleeve and General Marshall. She toured the country and spoke in behalf of the D.P.'s and of Zionism. In the summer she left for Palestine. She was there when the first boatload of refugees was turned away from Haifa to Cyprus and she sent a dispatch from aboard the refugee ship to The New York Times. This was a unique feat. The first question I asked her when I saw her on her return was: How did you do it? It is too soon to publish the answer.

WHEN I SAW HER again, it was after General Marshall's appointment to the State Department was announced. I asked her to tell me again about her meeting with Marshall. The account is more important today than when she first gave it to me.

Helen was given an introduction to the General by Dean Gildersleeve, an anti-Zionist whom she had for awhile almost talked out of anti-Zionism.

The General talked little but listened well. He gave Helen the impression of a very intelligent and humane man. His manner was sympathetic and understanding, a quiet, encouraging, stimulating manner. Helen pleaded for the refugees, told the General what she had seen, told him their place was Palestine. He agreed. She made a plea for a Jewish State in Palestine. Why shouldn't the Jews have one spot on the earth they can call their own? The General understood. But apart from the justice of the case, argued Helen, isn't it in the interests of the United States to encourage a progressive community in the Middle East? The General agreed.

When I connect this account with what I have recently read on Marshall and particularly with William Shirer's analysis (speaking of China) that Marshall realizes Communist influence in Asia cannot be fought by supporting feudal reaction, I am hopeful the new Secretary of State will help our cause.

THIS WRITER has grown up in the Zionist movement. But the Zionist movement in America today consists of people most of whom are newcomers. There are many more who are potential Zionists. Our leadership both in Palestine and in America, which for so many years has been dealing only with confirmed Zionists, without showing much ability to convert non-Zionists, came pretty near to losing the field to the Bergson group when the time was ripe for a mass movement. There has been a tremendous improvement in the past few years, but so far only the surface has been scratched. Zionist propaganda in America is still in its crude elementary stages. In Palestine, Zionists, instead of talking to the world, usually talk to themselves, since no one outside Zionist ranks can make out what they mean. There is a stupendous job to be done.

I have met very few Zionists who are seriously concerned with the problem. I have met fewer still who have tried to evolve some plans and ideas on handling it. In fact, the only one I have met so far is Helen Warren. I want to turn her words over in my mind and perhaps discuss the matter with her again before I write about it.

In the meantime, if anyone objects to my referring to Helen Warren as Helen, he or she may write to the editor to protest.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED at the Zionist Congress in Basle?

The monarchy was abolished. The balance of power was shifted from an almost exclusive domination by Labor to a coalition between General Zionists, Mizrahi and Labor; and to American Zionism the attitude of the Zionist movement towards Britain has stiffened.

Weizmann wanted the Zionists to go to the British hat-in-hand. The Congress refused. Weizmann's adherents wanted Weizmann re-elected regardless of policy. The Congress refused. Partition was not the issue. The issue was: How do we deal with England? Shall we always go begging? Or shall we insist on being treated with respect?

The election of Weizmann despite the fact that most Zionists do not agree with his policy would have meant the final crystallization of the principle of monarchy in Zionism. Weizmann had already grown to be a monarch in many respects. It became customary to blame not Weizmann for his mistakes but his advisers ("The King can do no wrong" is a principle in British Constitution—you blame his advisers, the Ministers); a set of courtiers grew up in the Zionist movement who derive their office and their power not from the confidence placed in them by the majority of the people but



Study Plans For Proposed Museum of Jewish War Records

To consider plans for the proposed museum of American Jewish war records to be established by the National Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) in its Washington, D. C., building, a committee of 18 nationally known authorities on Jewish history, shown above met as an advisory committee this week for the first time.

Monopoly in Relief In Europe Criticized

Jewish World News Service

PARIS—A demand for the increase of the relief activities of the World Jewish Congress in Europe was made at a farewell reception given by the Federation of Jewish Associations of France in honor of a number of delegates of the World Jewish Congress here.

Marc Yarblum, well known French Jewish leader and Poali Zion, who presided, emphasized that the World Jewish Congress was the first to bring relief to France at a time when the need of the Jews was greatest and no other help had yet arrived. That relief saved tens of thousands of Jewish lives, he said.

Other speakers dealt at length with the need of extending the relief work of the World Jewish Congress and with the evils of monopoly in Jewish relief.

To Discuss Raising of \$245,000,000 in '47

Special ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—How the Jewish communities of America can meet unprecedented needs totalling \$215,000,000 for current operations and \$30,000,000 for capital purposes, will be mapped out at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds Jan. 31 through Feb. 3, at the Ambassador Hotel here. Community leaders from every section of the United States and Canada will participate.

Under consideration also, will be plans for local Jewish community services, Jewish cultural trends, basic directions in organizing Jewish communities, and programs for dealing with anti-Semitism.

HUNTER COLLEGE HEAD SEES GAIN IN JEWISH UNIVERSITY

Special NEW YORK—In a letter addressed to Elinore Swart of Hunter Hillel, President George N. Shuster of that college favored the creation of a Jewish University of America. Unable to speak at a Faculty Forum on "The Jewish University in America" the college proxy embodied his opinions and ideas on the subject in his letter.

Dr. Shuster wrote that "Could such a university be adequately financed and staffed I think it would be a center to which all those could turn who were interested in the manifold ways in which the Jewish tradition has affected our culture." The President based his support on what the Catholic university has done to benefit American scholarship and how it has undertaken and carried through projects in

from the favor bestowed on them by the monarch.

After the abolition of a monarchy there is always a movement for Restoration, kept alive by the courtiers. So now you know why such a tremendous katzenjammer has been set in motion, from Stephen Wise's blast to Dorothy Thompson's. Look for the courier in the background pulling the wires. If you're very smart, you'll guess whom I mean.

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PROGRESS IN MIAMI BEACH SITUATION, BUT BIAS THERE

By HARRY LEVINE

Jewish Post Staff Correspondent

Last of Three Articles

MIAMI BEACH—I was very surprised to find that the Ku Klux Klan has caused only minor problems. Even in this state where racial prejudice and discrimination is rampant, public opinion has turned against the Klan.

The improvement in the hotel situation is due largely to the

Mark U. of M. Buildings, Threaten Mayor, Others

Special

MINNEAPOLIS—This state has been stirred by a repetition of anti-Semitic markings on buildings on the University of Minnesota campus and telephone threats of personal injury to inter-faith leaders here in the city.

The American Jewish World printed a picture showing two students reading the foot-high legend, "Kill Jews." The signature was the zig-zag Columbians sign and D.N.F.

Among those receiving threats of violence was Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey, the Rev. Reuben K. Youngdahl, Bradshaw Mintner and Charles G. Bolte.

Prof. E. G. Williamson, dean of student affairs at the school, blamed outsiders for the acts, but reported the perpetrators are elusive. Plans are being made for discussion of the situation at a students' forum on the campus, Dean Williamson said.

Rabbi Kieval at Grand Rapids

Special

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Rabbi Herman Kieval assumed his duties this week as spiritual leader of Ahavas Israel Synagogue here after 30 months of service as a chaplain in the Pacific area. Rabbi Kieval, 27, is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

intensive educational program sponsored by a special committee on Miami Beach citizens under the guidance of the Anti-Defamation League office. The committee called personally upon each one of the hotels and apartment houses who had discriminatory policies and persuaded most of these places to withdraw their public display of discrimination.

Even little children show the effect of racial prejudice. On Halloween I was walking along Washington street and saw where some boys had smeared in soap on the window of a Jewish restaurant: "Curse all Jews!"

THE DADE COUNTY Civil Rights Council which is a non-religious group and comprised of 38 civil and community organizations is probably doing as much to eradicate anti-Semitism from Miami Beach as any organization. The council's creed declares there are basic human rights and freedoms accruing to every individual regardless of race, creed, color, or national origin, indeed a surprising declaration coming from the South where prejudice is practiced and condoned on all sides.

I suggest that the hundreds of thousands of Jews who visit this playground of the world this season should become familiar with the hotels, apartment houses, and sections which do not desire their business to avoid any possible embarrassment.

Miami Beach may be the land of sunshine and palm trees with its beauteous maidens, gorgeous hotels, futuristic apartments, ponies and greyhounds, but it is also a place where the evil and ugliness of racial prejudice will hit the unwary Jew right between the eyes. Just recently the University of Miami cancelled its football game with Penn State because the latter college had two Negro lads on its football team.

BETWEEN 1ST AND 40TH streets the Jewish section, the street scenes remind you of the East Side in New York while the beach is a duplicate of Coney Island. Here you will find numerous "kosher" restaurants and hotels which are only too glad to do business with you.

In addition to the hotels and establishments who openly avow their anti-Semitism there are numerous other hotel managers, restaurant and night club owners who definitely gave me the impression that they would rather not have the patronage of the Jews, but for business reasons fear to express such opinions openly.

ACTIVE NEW ANTI-SEMITIC GROUP OF NEGROES GROWING

(By American Jewish Committee)
NEW YORK—The Universal African Nationalist Movement, a pan-African Negro organization, is presently conducting anti-Semitic propaganda activities among the Negro population of New York City. Presided over by Benjamin D. Gibbons, its president, a meeting was held at the quarters of the Gibbons, Carlos Cook, UANM organizer, and others made violently anti-Semitic speeches. The speeches dealt mainly with the "exploitation" of the Negroes by Jewish merchants in Harlem and other colored sections.

Hostesses Greet Visitors
The headquarters of the Universal African Nationalist Movement are filled nightly with members and visitors. Hostesses are always on hand to distribute the organization's literature. The UANM has spread its activities to Brooklyn, where it holds a weekly meeting.

Coincidentally with this activity, anti-Semitic street meetings have been reported in Harlem, some of them using loud speakers.

Active in the UANM is the Rev. Charles Greene, who boasts that he was one of the charter members of Marcus Garvey's Pan-African movement, The Universal Negro Improvement Association, which flourished in the '20's.

Recalls Garvey Movement
The UANM bears a strong resemblance to the long defunct Garvey movement. Garvey, who propagandized a scheme to recolonize all the Negroes of the world in the "African homeland," and who proclaimed himself "Emperor of the Kingdom of Africa" or "Provisional President of the Republic of Africa," had organized the Black Star Steamship Line to provide transportation for the followers of his movement. In connection with his promotion of the steamship line, Garvey in 1925 was convicted of mail-fraud by the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, and sentenced to a term in Atlanta penitentiary. He died in 1940.

Anglo-Jewish Editor Takes Vaad Hatzala Post

CINCINNATI—Samuel M. Schmidt sailed on the Queen Elizabeth to take over his duties as Director of Vaad Hatzala activities in Europe. He will make his headquarters in Paris, supervising the work of all Vaad Hatzala workers in child reclamation, D.P. and emigration centers. Mr. Schmidt resigned as editor of Every Friday published in Cincinnati to take on his new duties. This is Mr. Schmidt's fifth assignment of duty overseas in behalf of Jewish causes.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, CIO BATTLE OVER "RED" DISCHARGE

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—The National Council of Jewish Women has appealed to Phillip Murray, president of the CIO, and to Lewis Merrill, president of the United Office and Professional Workers to assist in overruling the decision of Local Union 19, U.P.W.A., that discharge of an employee of the Council was a "shocking violation of . . . personal relations."

The employee has been accused by the Council of attempting "to divert the policies, program and activities of the National Council and its sections along the direction of the Communist party line." Mrs. Joseph M. Welt, national Council president, in letters to the C.I.O. leaders stated that the organization, though liberal, is opposed to infiltration by people of any political faith and that pro-Communist attempts "will certainly not mitigate our opposition."

The local union accused the Council of entering upon a "witch



Displays It Proudly
A Ku Klux Klan card is a part of Grover Clark's headpiece as he visits the Georgia capitol in Atlanta when the problem of the two governors was being decided.

Conference Protests British Councils' Talks

SPECIAL
NEW YORK—A protest against activities of British Consular officials who are charged with using their official position to "sow discord between American Jews and their neighbors" has been lodged with the Department of State by the American Jewish Conference.

The Conference named Eric Carvell and Joseph Robinson, British Consul Generals at Los Angeles and Minneapolis.

Mr. Carvell was charged with impugning the motives of both major political parties in this country and with characterizing Jews as "trouble-makers."

Mr. Robinson, the letter stated, told the YWCA at Minneapolis that the "irresponsible American press . . . is under the influence of the Zionists in this country."

Mr. Lipsky said "such conduct on the part of British officials is an unwarranted intrusion into our American community life" and that "these efforts to create dissension are a violation of the fundamental decencies of international relations."

hunt" and said the dismissal violated the spirit, if not the letter of the Council's contract with the union, charging that the employee's supervisor was not consulted and that she had not been warned so that she might correct her alleged failings.

Evidence against the discharged employee included recommendations of pro-Communist organizations, reference books and publications and an attempt to purchase an exhibit sponsored by a pro-Soviet group for official use by the council.

Text of Wise's Z. O. A. Resignation

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AFETR all these tragic years and having regard to our uncounted losses, the World Zionist Congress at Basle should have met in a spirit of deepest sorrow and penitence, as well as of loftiest resolve. Instead of meeting in this spirit, the World Zionist Congress was nothing less than tragic in its inadequacy in relation to a great hour. It was, despite all that press agents may say, in large part a collection of personal hatreds and rancors, and of private ambitions.

The question will be asked: Why do I not accept the Congress and its result as *faites accomplis*? I do, for I believe in the processes of democracy. But at Basle there were great moral issues at stake, and these are not affected or decided by elections. Numbers prevail at elections. Moral issues are not thus decided. I made a grievous withal pardonable mistake—the day before the Congress adjourned I could not believe that what was to happen could conceivably come to pass: that England and America would jointly be rebuked and rebuffed by the Congress, and that Dr. Weizmann would be dropped as Pilot, when most needed—our foremost statesman, our wisest leader even though without the support of press agents.

THE VOTING MEANT LITTLE or nothing. The hardest majority—whipped together by electioneering devices worthy of an American political convention at its worst—voted to make it impossible for Dr. Weizmann to go to the London Conference, therefore, to retain the leadership. Many who voted "no" would have preferred to vote in the affirmative if caucus bondage had not intervened to rob them of their freedom.

One must in fairness speak of two groups within the organization who emerged from a confused situation with honor. The Revisionists and Hashomer Hatzair both alike opposed attendance at the Conference, and these voted according to their convictions, without reservation, without equivocation.

I cannot help using the term: "It is a pyrrhic victory that has been won," unchanged by the boastfulness and arrogance of whosoever claims "I have won a victory." "Personal victory," yes—whatever that may mean save to the victor. But the Congress has been a terrible defeat for the cause, nothing less than a disaster. Measured by the Basle Zionist Congress, the Zionist cause has fallen on evil days and ways. The heads of the Laborites and the Zionist Organization of America have succeeded in ousting Zionism's greatest statesman. It may safely be predicted that they will now proceed to seek to oust each other, though it is not easy to forecast who will stoop farthest in encompassing this end.

PERSONAL ISSUES, I repeat, were dominant over all else—the passion of one leader to end the regime of Dr. Weizmann, wheth-

Rabbi Eckstein Named Assistant
SPECIAL
NEW YORK—The Jewish Center has announced the appointment of Rabbi Simon L. Eckstein as assistant to Rabbi Leo Jung.

There are seven Jewish members in the House of Representa-

er or not to install himself; the ambition of yet another to seize the leadership and install himself, reinforced by the most skilled and conscienceless manipulation that ever emerged from a public relations cesspool. An American delegate said to me: "We might have stayed at home and avoided witnessing the tragedy of division, disunion, disruption." We fear the worst, but we shall pray and labor for the best.

However, it will be said that, as a result of agreement, a Cabinet has been formed. A Cabinet or Executive Committee of the Jewish Agency has been named—a Cabinet not of all talents but of all ambitions, unholy and unlimited, the Cabinet representing a maximum of compromise and a minimum of conviction.

There were clear-cut issues; that is to say, there might have been, but these were for the most part confused when not ignored. First and most immediate of the issues was "Shall we participate in the London Conference?" "If we go, who shall go for us?" having regard to the extraordinary suggestion that no one should be permitted to go who had any part in the negotiations up to this time.

THERE WERE OTHER ISSUES equally clear, but, alas, for the most part left unconsidered and undiscussed by the Congress in its entirety. One of the difficulties of the Congress was that it was not a Congress but a collection of caucuses standing apart from one another, so high ran the partisan spirit. Party caucuses are unavoidable, but there must come a time when party caucuses should resolve themselves into the unity of a Congress.

Little, if anything, was said in answer to the question: "For what should the Jewish Agency ask if it attend the Conference? Shall it be the State, Partition, Trusteeship, United Nations Control?" Finally, little, if any, consideration was given to the question: "What should and could be done to end the reign of violence and un-reason?" That paramount question was not adequately nor honestly considered.

I began by saying the Congress was a tragedy. I must, however, add that it was not an irreparable tragedy, for the essence of tragedy is finality, and there are no finalities in Jewish history. The tragedy will, however, prove to be cureless if we assume that whatever is, is rightfully final, unalterable, inviolable. The Basle Congress was an unworthy Congress. This was the first Zionist Congress after seven years. It should have taken the form of a dignified, solemn and, above all, sorrowful tribute to the memory of more than six million martyred brother-Jews. Instead of that, issues were not squarely met, nor even adequately considered until after the Congress adjourned. Instead of issues, there were personalities, the one agreement among competing and conflicting personalities being that Dr. Weizmann must be forced out. That was the one agreement; and among his political survivors, disagreement, conflict, clashing will inevitably follow.

NO LITTLE EVIL RESULTED from a profound misunderstanding of the power and service of the Zionist Organization of America. It was unfortunately

tives of the 80th Congress: Adolph J. Sabath (D.), Illinois; Sol Bloom, Emanuel Celler, Arthur J. Klein, Leo Rayfield and Benjamin Rabin, all of New York and all Democrats; the seventh is a Republican, Jacob K. Javits, also of New York.

taken for granted by many European and Palestinian delegates that the One Hundred Million Dollar Relief Fund of 1946 was secured solely or chiefly through the instrumentality of the Zionist Organization of America, concerning which it may truly be said that it aided little, but it raided much. The overestimation of the part played by the Zionist Organization of America in the securing of the Hundred Million Dollar Fund was largely responsible for the strength of the Zionist Organization of America in the Congress. If the question will be asked "Why was there no strong, vigorous antagonism to them that triumphed?", no one can understand the question or give an answer, who did not witness and was not appalled by the tactics of terrorism that were employed against dissenters. Let Hadassah deny being browbeaten and terrorized, after having bravely stood and finely fought.

The question has already been asked: "Why not go along with the Congress?" We have done that too long. Our patience has been misused. After the Convention at Atlantic City, which was nothing more than an over-organized demonstration, we should have cried aloud and spared not. We were silent, and our silence was mistaken for assent.

Nothing that happened at the Zionist Congress, however unworthy, however divisive, must be permitted to affect the impression that we are one in our demands upon the British government. We must become free to establish a Jewish State, a viable State in an adequate area of Palestine. We must have sovereignty over immigration, which would mean that the shame and horror and tragedy of Jewish Displaced Persons throughout Europe shall cease to be. Within a Jewish State we must be free in every sense, including the possibility of purchase of land. Divided among ourselves we may be at a Congress. But we are united in our resolve and decision that there be an end of the White Paper and the beginning of a Jewish State; that Britain fulfill the terms of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate or withdraw from a trust, too long honored in the breach rather than in the observance. There is no other way.

AND STILL, WE ACCEPT results and decisions. Personally, I shall labor for the cause as I have always labored for it. Zionism is not a cause to be donned and doffed like a garment. I have not served it for half a century for power or glory or to satisfy personal ambitions. I once stood almost alone among younger men. After fifty years, my soul, my speech, my means are at its command. I began fifty years ago—for that it will soon be—as a private without place or office save as I became unpaid or volunteer secretary of the Zionist Organization of America, which I founded. I do not, I cannot, withdraw from Zionism, but I withdraw from all office in the Zionist Organization of America. I shall continue in every way to serve Zion and Zionism, but I refuse to substitute the Zionism of the present imperiling regime of the Zionist Organization of America and its contemptible personal satellites for the Zionism of Weizmann and Brandeis, Nordau and Herzl.

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Famous Converts To Judaism Told

By RABBI LOUIS FEINBERG

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LORD GEORGE GORDON in England, about 150 years ago, gave up a tremendous fortune for his new-found Judaism, and spent the rest of his days in a small town among pious Jews—himself a Jew with beard and payes, who observed scrupulously all Jewish practices.

In 1840, **Warder Cresson**, a wealthy Philadelphia Quaker and a religious enthusiast, became acquainted with **Isaac Leiser**, the minister of the Spanish-Portuguese congregation in that city, and through him discovered what he had been seeking for years—a religion to satisfy his spiritual hunger.

Four years later he was offered an opportunity which he eagerly seized: the office of American consul in Jerusalem. Distributing his earthly possessions among the family except for one portion which he left in trust to provide for his old age, he forsook the wife of his youth and his six children whom he dearly loved, and departed for the Holy City. He was deeply affected by his surroundings, assumed the name of **Michael Boaz Israel**, and identified himself with the Sephardic community. He applied for admission into the Jewish fold. The **Beth Din** and the **Chief Rabbi** were very reluctant; but he persisted and, finally, in 1848, at the age of 50, he submitted to circumcision.

He returned to Philadelphia to arrange his affairs so that he might live the rest of his days in Jerusalem, and found his family arrayed against him. His wife and a son obtained from the court a commission in lunacy. He appealed to a higher court and the trial became one of the celebrated cases of the time. A Christian jury handed down a decision that **Cresson** was sane.

Cresson went back to Jerusalem, married a Sephardic woman, and lived the life of an Oriental Jew, even as to dress. He became a leader in the community and threw himself into the effort to establish agricultural colonies in Palestine, so that the oppressed in Israel anywhere in the world might be enabled to return to Zion. He was a frequent contributor to **Leiser's Occident**. He died in 1860, and was buried on Mt. Olivet with honors usually paid a prominent rabbi.

OR TAKE THE CASE in our own time, that of the Frenchman, **Aimee Palliere**, born a Catholic, and a student for the priesthood. One day, on Yom Kippur afternoon, he wandered into a French synagogue and attended the Neilah service. He was so deeply impressed by the simplicity and spirituality of the service that he found no rest from that moment on. His mother and his priest exerted themselves to the utmost to keep him in their fold, but to no avail.

Palliere consulted that spiritual personality in Leghorn, Italy, **Rabbi Elijah Benamozegh**. The **Rabbi** advised him to remain a Christian and to observe only the fundamental ethical laws common to all humanity—the Seven Noachian laws. It is not clear whether he ever became a full Jew, or heeded the advice of his revered teacher. In any case, he remained a passionate devotee of Judaism. He wrote a charming account of his spiritual experience, called in English, "The Unknown Sanctuary." The book has recently appeared in Palestine in Hebrew translation, "Hamikdash Ha-ne'elam." American Jews had the opportunity of seeing and hearing him when he toured America in the '30's.

OLDER INHABITANTS of Cincinnati may recall the case of a **Ger Tzedek**, a tall blond young man who came to the leaders of the Orthodox community with the request that they admit him into the fold. They tried to dissuade him but he would not be dissuaded. He was admitted and lived for a time at the house of a local rabbi, so that he might

not only learn from Jewish sources, but absorb the spirit of Jewish home life. When people would come to the **Rabbi** with questions of Jewish law, this young proselyte, with a newly sprouting blond beard, would listen attentively. Later he went to **Eretz Yisroel** to perfect his Jewish training; but there he unfortunately contracted a tropical disease and died.

Jews who lived in Atlanta, Ga., in the first two decades of this century will remember the tall, bearded **Ger Tzedek**, **Mr. Taylor**, who would bring his farm products to his city co-religionists. Undoubtedly similar cases can be found in many localities throughout the land.

Palestine exerted a powerful influence on proselytes, and drew many to complete their lives there, even in the days when travel was tedious and dangerous, and the living conditions in the land were most difficult. That present-day **Eretz Yisroel** should attract them is more understandable.

ONLY RECENTLY there died in Upper Galilee the "Dutch **Ger Tzedek**" whose full name was **Franz van der Hoorn**. In 1912 four young people left the Hague, Holland, to make a journey on foot to the Dutch East Indies. When they reached Palestine, **van der Hoorn** was amazed to find types of Jews he had seen nowhere else—young people and older ones, farmers and gardeners, who rode like cowboys and handled a gun like rangers. He felt a new world opening up before him. The remaining two (one had dropped out in the Balkans) gave up their original plan and turned their faces back toward Holland; but **Franz** threw in his lot with these determined descendants of **Abraham, Isaac and Jacob**, to help rebuild their nation in the land of their fathers.

During the first World War, as a Dutch citizen, **Franz** of **Metullah** was out of reach of the repressive Turkish laws. He would visit Jewish political prisoners and smuggle in letters concealed in bouquets of flowers, thus saving many lives. When the director of the colony **Migdal** was under arrest, **Franz** produced forged documents showing that the entire colony belonged to him, and as property of a Dutch citizen the colony was saved. He was a personal friend of the martyr **Joseph Trumpeldor** and was one of the defenders of **Tel Hai** against Arab marauders.

His oldest son is one of the best shomerim, and a sharpshooter. His second son, **Zevi**, spent three years in the British Army in the European theater of war, and visited his grandparents in Holland, who were immensely proud of their son and grandchildren. His youngest son is named **Yifdeh**, which means, "He will redeem." His daughter, **Zillah**, is a graduate of Jewish schools. Of his children he would say: "This is the portion with which the Holy One blessed be He has rewarded me for the sacrifices I have made for my Jewish people." His wife is the daughter of a Jewish colonist in Galilee. In his discussions with fellow colonists **Franz** always championed the Orthodox viewpoint.

JEWS IN TEL AVIV speak with love of **Elisheva**, the Russian woman who determined to share the destiny of the Jewish people because of her love for Judaism.

Born in Moscow in 1888 as **Elizaveta Ivanovna Zhirkova**, she early fell in with a pious Jewish family in her native city and came under the spell of Judaism. When she reached the age of discretion she embraced the Jewish faith. She mastered Yiddish and Hebrew and published two volumes of poems translated from both languages. Later she published two volumes of original poems in Russian dealing with Jewish themes. She married the Jewish writer,

Simon Bichovsky, and lives in Palestine. She is known by her adopted name of **Elisheva**.

LET ME CITE an experience which can, no doubt, be duplicated by many rabbis throughout the country. A Christian woman from a nearby state came to me with the request that I admit her into the Jewish fold. I asked her for his name. She grasped the implication, and informed me that she was happily married, the mother of two children, and a teacher in the Sunday School connected with her church. Years of study, however, had convinced her that Judaism, the pure fountainhead of Christianity, was the only religion that could satisfy her.

Questioning brought out the fact that her husband and children would not follow her, nor would her aged mother and her brothers and sisters. I then pointed out how her contemplated step would disrupt the family. Her husband and children would attend church on Sundays; she would go to the synagogue on Saturdays. They would expect their bacon and eggs for breakfast; she would prepare kosher food for herself. The appearance of "the Jewess" at her mother's house or at the house of any of her brothers and sisters would clamp down an uncomfortable silence. Their very consideration would make them self-consciously tongue-tied, lest they wound her sensibilities by a thoughtless remark that might be misinterpreted as anti-Semitic. Would it not be wiser to remain in her denomination, an admirer and defender of Judaism; to attend Jewish lectures and forums in her community, and perhaps to come to a synagogue service from time to time, not as a worshipper but as a friendly visitor? She followed my advice.

WHAT CONCLUSION do we arrive at, when we compare the honest Jewish converts to Christianity with proselytes to Judaism, from the Monk **Abraham** down to the woman from my neighboring state? We find that while Jews who leave the fold do so out of ignorance of Judaism, those who come to us are well informed Christians. The conversion of **Rabbi Zolli** is wrapped in a cloud of doubts; but one **Aimee Palliere** is worth more than ten **Zollis**.

Many motives, some of them not above reproach, may prompt a weak Jew to join the dominant majority; but only pure conviction brings non-Jews under the wings of the **Shekinah**. And the striking thing is that there are such in every generation. A few are recorded in history books, a few more in encyclopedias and in periodical literature; but many more were not put down in writing and were erased from the memory of men with the dying out of their generation.

The number of conversions to Judaism in the Middle Ages must have been considerable, of which the recorded cases form a very small part. The vast majority remained a dark secret; for imprisonment and torture, even death, often awaited not only the proselyte but any who had a share in the conversion. Those who come from Eastern Europe may remember that in many towns there was a **Ger Tzedek**, who usually lived on the outskirts of the town in abject poverty.

There is room for a book that will gather together the records of **Ger Tzedek** from the scattered periodical literature and books in many languages and from the living oral tradition. Such a record would hearten us in these difficult days; for it would prove to us that Judaism possesses an inherent light which has the compelling power to draw to it, even from the camp of our enemies, some of the sensitive souls that yearn for true godliness.

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BALTIMORE—Dr. Maxwell K. Goldstein, of Washington, formerly of Baltimore, has been awarded the Distinguished Civilian Service Award by the Secretary of the Navy for outstanding contributions to the war effort. It is the navy's highest civilian award.

An agreement has been reached between the representatives of the Polish Government and the Government of Palestine under which Palestine is shortly to begin exporting oranges and lemons to Poland.

Push Perlman for Atty. General

BALTIMORE—Gov. William Preston Lane, Jr., of Maryland, called on President Truman at the White House last week to urge the appointment of **Phillip B. Perlman** of Baltimore as Solicitor General of the United States.

Rabbi Isaac Luborsky Dies

PHILADELPHIA—Rabbi Isaac Luborsky died last week at his home. For 36 years he had been spiritual leader of Congregation **Kereth-Israel-Anshiz-Zitomer**.

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POST'S PHILADELPHIA READERS ANSWER COLUMN BY SEGAL, RUSH TOYS, ETC.

By PHIL LEVINE

Jewish Post Staff Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA—Mr. David L. Pransky, 5739 Rodman St., a local merchant, is (we think) a typical Jewish Post reader.

After reading **Al Segal's** column in the Jan. 10 issue telling us the need of displaced children for toys, crayons and hair ribbons, he immediately got busy.

Pransky loaded up a number of cartons with hundreds of pairs of children's shoes, bow ribbons and other articles requested by **Miss Richman**, the nurse in charge of the orphans in Germany and sent them out the same day.

Pransky is also treasurer of the Alliance of American-Lithuanian Jews of Philadelphia. The organization had sent out hundreds of food packages to displaced persons camps throughout Europe. The entire organization has promised to send immediately a large number of cartons containing what the orphans want.

Two other Jewish Post readers went to bat immediately to do something to aid. They are postal clerks **Meyer Rabinowitz** and **Leonard Grossman**. They brought the **Segal** column to the meeting of the **Judiac Fellowship**, an organization of Jewish Federal Workers, and asked that something be done at once.

2,070 Marriages, 465 Births
Jewish World News Service

LONDON—During the last eighteen months 2070 marriages took place at **Bergen-Belsen** and in other camps in the British zone of Germany. Four hundred sixty-five children were born there, of whom 300 were boys. This number does not include marriages and children in the much larger American zone.

Between You And Me

By ROBIN SMOLAR

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NOW that the Joint Defense Appeal has been included in the New York quota of the United Jewish Appeal, the American Jewish Congress is seeking the same arrangement. . . . Negotiations between the American Jewish Congress and the leaders of the UJA are progressing in a very friendly spirit. . . . As a result of increasing COMMUNAL unity in American Jewish life, we shall soon witness the expansion of the administrative committee of the United Jewish Appeal to include representatives of Jewish Welfare Funds. . . . At present, the U.J.A. administrative committee is composed of ten members equally divided between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, the two major partners. . . . The reorganized administrative committee will be composed of eighteen members—six representing the J.D.C., six representing the U.P.A. and six representing the welfare funds. . . . The executive committee of the U.J.A. will be expanded along the same lines. . . . It will be composed of 54 members, equally divided among the J.D.C., the U.P.A. and the Welfare Funds. The 18 members representing the Welfare Funds in the executive—six of them selected by the New York U.J.A., four by the Inter-City Committee of the large cities, and on each from the eight regional committees of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds—will require mutual acceptance by the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. . . . The reorganization, which tightens the links between the U.J.A. and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds will not affect the allocations already made.

"A Guide To The Soviet Union" by William Mandel, just published by Dial Press, is one of the best handbooks on Russia. He points out that the RUSSIAN 1,500,000 survivors of NOTES the more than 3,000,000 Jews in pre-war Russia have now returned to the cities in the Ukraine and the Baltic republics from their war-time refuge in Central Asia. . . . They did not move east to Biro-Bidjan,

Marriages, Divorces Up Sharply In Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV—There were 2,444 marriages registered at the Chief Rabbinate at Tel Aviv for the year ending April 30, 1946, as against 1,846 marriages the year before, or an increase of 32 per cent. However, the number of divorces also increased by 25 per cent, or a total of 757 for the same period.



Bitter Synagogue President Attacks Unfaithful; Says We Fear Stigma of Piety, Says Situation Not Funny

Special
KANSAS CITY, Mo.—In one of those rare, honest appraisals of the state of Judaism in the United States, Isadore Rich, president of Keneseth Israel-Beth Sholom Congregation here called the "spiritual" disintegration of U. S. Jewry "tragic."

In a bitter assault on those Jews who do not assume their religious responsibilities, Mr. Rich, in his annual report said "we have become fearful lest the stigma of piety be attached to us."

Mr. Rich's report read in part:

"It used to be the normal, the natural way of life to attend Synagogue services. Today the Jew who attends services must needs offer explanations for his unusual departure from the normal. Unless perhaps he has Yahr Zeit. And even then he is somewhat apologetic. We have become fearful lest the stigma of piety be attached to us. There was a time when Jews vied with one another for Aliyahs and other honors at services. Today it is not too easy to find among our people those who can actually recite the two Berachos for the Torah. And he who can actually recite the Haftorah is a rare individual indeed.

"I said a moment ago we have an empty building. That is not quite true. Our building is not always empty. Occasionally a relative or a friend is celebrating a son's Bar Mitzvah.

This entails, as a matter of social obligation, at least an hour or so in the Synagogue. (The family may note our absence at services and our presence at the reception.) So the ladies and some few men come to the service. They arrive just in time to hear the Bar Mitzvah chant his portion of the ritual. But these casual visitors do not really share in the service. Who can read the Hebrew? Or the English for that matter? Who has the patience or the strength to hold the Siddar and turn the pages? And why does the Rabbi insist on disturbing our conversations by announcing the readings and the pages? Who cares? And all the while we hope that the Rabbi won't drag out his sermon lest we be late for our appointment—at the beauty parlor, or for a fitting, or a card game.

"None of this is funny. It is to my mind the most tragic phenomenon in contemporary Jewish life. It is tragic because it is symbolic of the destruction of every fortress of our faith. It is a symptom of our spiritual disintegration. For the Jew can continue to live only when he holds fast to his books, his ideals, his cultural heritage, his Synagogue. Whatever unity we maintain, whatever worth we possess, whatever hopes are ours are all dependent upon the extent of our devotion to our greatest citadel, the Synagogue."

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"The period since V-J Day has been an unhappy and costly period of reconversion to peacetime production. Ford Motor Company has lost millions of dollars since V-J Day, even after all tax adjustments.

"But the crisis of this wild aftermath of war seems to have been passed. Our own production, though still limited by material shortages, is now steadier. Produc-

tivity of our employees, which hit a new low during the period, seems to have started its return to normal. Ford Motor Company made a modest profit for the last three months of 1946, and we intend to continue to operate in the black.

"The American economy now stands at a turning point. Mounting costs and rising prices have warranted caution and hesitancy. There is even general fear that this dangerous, un-American cycle cannot be corrected without an economic recession. We think this fear can be dispelled by common sense and action. And among free men that becomes an individual responsibility.

"The Ford Motor Company therefore proposes to accept its losses since V-J Day as an item of the cost of a great and victorious war. We are closing our books on that phase of our production history. We have decided that now is the time for us to make an investment in the future.

"Because they must build up depleted cash reserves or because they are still losing money, many businesses may not be able to follow suit. But we hope that our suppliers, our employees, and our other economic partners will back, each to his own ability, our attempt to return to the economic pattern which has helped to make America great—the principle that higher wages and a higher standard of living for all depend upon lower costs and lower prices through increasingly efficient large-scale production.

"We hope, as we move forward, that we will be able to reduce prices further, and that we will not be forced to raise them again to compensate for cost increases."

Henry Ford II
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Lewis On Books

By DR. THEODORE N. LEWIS

PALESTINE YEAR BOOK, Zionist Organization of America. 638 Pages. Edited by Sophie A. Udin.

THE Palestine Year Book is a magnificent exception to the general rule that "Year Books" are dry and uninteresting. Few recent volumes have held my interest as much as this. The "Palestine Year Book" is not a mere catalogue of dates, events, but an inspiring record of courage and heroism, of hope and faith, of triumph and victory.

The statistical essay by Jacob Lestchinsky on "A Year of Disillusionment and Despair" should be read first, to fully appreciate the reason why Palestine looms so high on the Jewish horizon.



Prior to his martyrdom, Hersch Zodoz, a Kovno Jew, pleaded that the murder of his five thousand fellow Kovno Jews be avenged. "This passionate plea is being fulfilled in reverse," charges Lestchinsky. The liberated peoples are wreaking vengeance on the surviving Jews, and not on their Nazi murderers! The surviving Jewish remnant is therefore fleeing from Europe as from a plague, and is determined to reach Palestine, no matter what the cost.

The Year Book opens with three important statements, by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, on the "Political Situation in Zionism"; by Leon Kohn on the "Jewish Agency for Palestine during the Year 5706; and the report of the "Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine," whose recommendation that 100,000 Jews be promptly admitted into Palestine, Great Britain contemptuously ignores. Dr. Silver's brilliant analysis of the political situation ends with this pertinent query: "Is there a single instance in the last twenty-five years when any sacrifice on our part evoked a favorable response either from the British government or from the Arabs?"

THE NOW FAMOUS and truly shocking memorandum which Edwin W. Pauley submitted to the President on the "Jewish People" of Europe opens the second section entitled "Jews in 1945-1946." Mr. Pauley merely confirms the harrowing account given by Lestchinsky later on, and already referred to. The study of Jewish colonization outside of Palestine, by Dr. Arie Tartakower, is a scientific analysis of such efforts which have always been undertaken either by private Jewish philanthropy out of anti-Zionist motives, or by governments for purposes of retraining Jews. His conclusion touching the success in Argentina is open to serious

question. Had Baron de Hirsch poured his millions into Palestine instead of Argentina, the Jewish people, not Peron and his Fascist gangsters, would now be the beneficiaries!

The economic picture of Palestine, touching such basic essentials as population, immigration, the labor movement, industry and trade, housing, the Jordan Valley Authority, vastly important subjects, form the subject matter of the third section entitled "The Economic Scene."

HOW ARABS have been uplifted by the presence of the Jews, not only physically, but morally and spiritually, is the burden of section four. To fully appreciate the tremendous advance the Palestine Arab has made as a result of his contact with the Jews, his lot should be compared with that of the native in Iraq, in Saudia, in Arabia, Syria, etc. The major curse of the area is a grinding poverty which a Westerner cannot even remotely conceive. Thus, in Iraq, "the felaheen and coolie classes live on less than a penny a day per head," and 85 per cent of the masses are totally illiterate. Because the British can continue to exploit the wealth of the Middle East only as long as the social and political status quo prevails, are they consciously striving to perpetuate it, and all the inherent iniquities. In a labor government pledged to Socialism, this is some anomaly.

Micha Assaf's chapter on "Cultural Development of the Palestine Arabs in the Period of the Mandate" is truly illuminating. The advance of the Arab in Palestine on all fronts is not only an astounding phenomenon. It is unequalled in the entire Middle East, and proves that the Palestine Arabs have been vastly enriched by their contact with the Jews, that their level of civilization in every area of life is infinitely higher than that of any other Arab community.

Palestine Jewry was deeply distressed by the Hitler holocaust, and the literature of recent years, as surveyed by Professor Simon Halkin, reflects this mood of wrath and bitterness. The foremost poet of the Yishuv, Jacob Cohen, bewails after the fashion of a Bialik, the martyrdom of Israel. He is indignant over the criminal silence of the so-called civilized world, and in "From All Peoples" protests against it in sharp and passionate terms:

When our children cried in the shadow of the gallows,
We never heard the world's anger;

And when our children are marched to the gallows,
Jewish children, wise Jewish children,
They know that their blood is not

counted in the bloodshed—
They only call back to their mothers: "Mother, don't look!"...

How great the concern for paintings and sculptures,
Treasures of art, lest they be bombed;

While the art treasures of baby-skulls

Are dashed against walls and pavements. (page 257)

Their eyes only speak: "Don't look, mother,

When we are laid out in long rows;

Veterans we are, soldiers renowned,

Only undersized."

IN ADDITION to literature, the "theatre, music, dance and art" flourished, as Dov Vardi charmingly describes. Furthermore, in recent years, there has arisen in Palestine a host of eminent actors and actresses, serious and comic groups, and many accomplished musicians. The latter have given fresh impetus to Jewish music and song, both secular and religious.

The sixth section bearing the general title "Palestine, A Survey of Progress," deals with the Geography, the Jewish Community, the Government of Palestine, with Jewish Political Parties. The list of new settlements founded during the years 1939 to 1946 is particularly impressive.

The calculated and brutal suppression of the truth about the contribution of the Yishuv to the victory over Nazidom constitutes one of the unpardonable sins of the British against the Palestine Jewish community. During the North African campaign, when the British armies were menaced by Rommel, the British government literally begged the Jews of Palestine for assistance, which was graciously given and gratefully accepted, but never publicly acknowledged. The full measure of this enormous assistance, which called forth tremendous sacrifices on the part of all classes in Palestine Jewry, is fully described in a highly significant chapter on "Jewish Palestine's War Effort" which forms a part of this section.

The seventh section, "The Zionist Movement," includes chapters on Zionist Organizations, The Jewish Agency for Palestine, and The World Zionist Conference of 1945. Section eight, "Zionist Funds" analyses the income and expenditures of the national funds, and contains two essays, one on "A Treasury in Transition" and another on "The Struggle for Land" by Abraham Granovsky.

AMERICANS will find the ninth section "Zionism in the United States" especially interesting. Louis Lipsky writes on "Early Days of American Zionism"; Harry L. Shapiro on "Activities of the American Zionist Emergency Council," and Carl H. Voss discusses "Christians and Zionism in the United States."

A particularly important section is the tenth which contains the text of these documents: 1. "The Reply of the Executive of the Jewish Agency to Mr. Bevin's Statement of November 13th"; 2. "The Resolution Passed by the U. S. Senate and U. S. House of Representatives on December 19, 1945"; 3. "Premier's Statement in the House of Commons"; 4. "Text of State Department Memorandum to Jews and Arabs, May 21, 1946"; 5. "The Reply of the Jewish Agency to the Report of the Anglo-American Committee"; 6. "American Zionist Emergency Council's Reply on the Report of Anglo-American Committee"; 7. "Deportations of Jewish Refugees"; 8. "Text of Correspondence between Secretary of State for Colonies and President of Jewish Agency"; 9. "President Roosevelt's Letter to Ibn Saud";

I Think As I Please

By CARL ALPERT

THE dramatic resignation of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise from his official positions with the Zionist Organization of America may have come as very much of a shock and a surprise to many. It need not have. Resignations have been a popular and perennial means of indicating sense of outrage, disappointment, or inability to accept a majority decision. There have probably been as frequent resignations in other Jewish groups, but because of the public nature of the Zionist movement, they attract more attention there.

Without judgment on any of them, I offer herewith a quick review of some of the more spectacular resignations which have occurred. They should prove of interest at least as historic curiosities, and I leave to someone else the psychological analysis.

PERHAPS the first in the series of withdrawals is artificially recorded by Louis Lipsky in his "Thirty Years of American Zionism." It was at the 1904 convention of the Federation of American Zionists, when the retiring president, Dr. Richard Gottheil, as well as his successor, Dr. Harry Friedenwald, were absent from the convention. Lipsky writes: "Gabriel H. Mayer of Philadelphia, who was Vice-President under Professor Gottheil, thought that he was entitled to become president, and especially resented the naming of an absentee candidate, and rightly so. But we regarded Mr. Mayer as an undisciplined Zionist, for were we not inviting Dr. Friedenwald to become president for the good of the movement? And so we defeated Mr. Mayer's ambition. Mr. Mayer surprised us by retiring to the depths of seclusion, and from that eventful day in Pittsburgh he was seen no more by Zionist eyes."

Jacob de Haas, next to Lipsky himself the stormiest petrel of American Zionism, found it necessary to retire from active Zionist work after a falling out with the administration, and he went to Boston to become editor of the "Jewish Advocate there," along about the same time. He came back, but for years, and until his death about a decade ago, one could never be quite sure whether he was "in" or "out."

In 1921, on the eve of the famous Cleveland convention, Lipsky resigned as secretary of the organization because of his disagreements with the Brandeis-Mack administration, and he undertook the organization of the opposition.

THE GREATEST MASS RESIGNATION in the history of the movement took place on June 6, 1921, in Cleveland. Adoption of a resolution expressing lack of faith and confidence in the Judge Mack administration was merely the immediate indication of the deep cleavage caused by differences in Zionist philosophy, temperament and policy. The list of those resigning from all official position with the Z.O.A. includes the following distinguished names:

Louis D. Brandeis (he had been Honorary President), Judge Julian W. Mack, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise (this time he was against Dr. Weizmann), Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Harry Friedenwald, Nathan Straus, Felix Frankfurter, Benjamin V. Cohen, Bernard Flexner, Horace M. Kallen, Jacob de Haas, Israel Brodie, Sol Rosenbloom, Robert Szold, Rabbi Max Heller, Irma Lindheim and others—a total of some forty prominent Zionists.

Of course many of these have long since returned to the fold. Others have never renewed their active association with Zionist affairs.

IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED there were numerous lesser resignations, for one reason or another. In 1927, at Basle, Rabbi Wise (because then he bitterly opposed the re-election of Weizmann as President of the World Zionist Organization) withdrew from the American delegation of which he was a member. Differences of opinion or personality clashes have led others to wait until their terms expired, when they stepped gracefully out of office. It may surprise many to learn that Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan was once, for a short while, chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Z.O.A. Differences of opinion led to a parting of the ways. Dr. Solomon Goldman's two stormy years as head of the organization were marked by frequent walk-outs in the Molotov style, eventually followed by his complete retirement from the organization. A little earlier the dramatic resignation of Isidore D. Morrison from the Z.O.A. will be recalled by old-timers as a spectacular political meteor.

Two years ago Dr. Silver resigned as chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council as a result of sharp differences in policies and approach to Zionist affairs. Public opinion shortly thereafter restored him to leadership.

And today Dr. Wise plays the role of the aggrieved one, and walks off the stage in a huff, this time in sudden defense of Dr. Weizmann.

There are interwoven elements of the comic, the childish—and the tragic in all these episodes. The historian and the psychologist must analyze all the motives. No doubt they are not far different, in the final analysis, from those which cause a little child to grimace as he struggles to hold back his tears, and cry out to his playmates, as he runs home to mother, "I'm not going to play with you any more!"

Address Mr. Alpert at Room 609, 41 E. 42nd St., New York City 17.

10. "Memorandum of the Jewish Resistance Movement to Anglo-American Committee."

The eleventh and last section, entitled "Lists and Directories," is a mine of exact information on all forms of Zionist activity here and abroad. Notable is the chronology of daily events touching Palestine and the Jews, covering the period from July 1945 to September 24, 1946.

The Palestine Year Book, in the literal sense of the word, is a treasure house of authentic information on every aspect of Palestine, covering the year 5707 (1945-1946). While an indispensable reference book, it is much more than that. It is an inspiring record of progress and achievement which is certain to thrill every Jew. A splendid and unusual work indeed, for which the editor and all those who have so splendidly collaborated with her deserve thanks and gratitude!

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You're First Walter

Now that Walter Winchell has launched a campaign against comics using distasteful dialect jokes, a clamor is rising that he, Winchell, clean up his own column. . . . We agree. . . . His offensive Mefoofsky series are decidedly on the "black list." . . . And it was Winchell who penned the most insulting gag of all time when he wrote "business is so bad that even Gentiles are starting fires." . . . Yes, Walter, you'd better set the example.

Strange But True

Came across this interesting item. . . . A nationwide poll revealed that 48% of the people in this country recognized the picture of Albert Einstein. . . . 44% identified James F. Byrnes. . . . 43% the movie actor Van Johnson. . . . And 58% unhesitatingly recognized Elsie, Borden's publicity sacred cow.

Discrimination Front

New Yorkers have been burning for years at the policies of racial and religious discrimination being practiced by certain "non-sectarian" educational institutions which enjoy tax exemptions in the Empire State. . . . Among the worst of these offenders, and the one with the largest taxable assets, is Columbia University, whose Appointments office is alleged to be in violation of the Fair Employment Practices Act because they ask applicants for their religious or racial background. . . . This Appointments office, which places Columbians in outside industry, has the gall to claim exemption from the FEPC law on the grounds that it is part of an educational institution. . . . We predict that Columbia's student body, which is over fifty per cent veterans, will not sit still for this. . . . They've learned that bullets don't ask questions about race, religion or mother's maiden name. . . . The Anti-Defamation League is to be commended for its comprehensive report to the New York Commission Against Discrimination. . . . The report names hotels, summer resorts and real estate firms practicing discrimination. . . . More than 200 firms are listed. . . . Now let's see whether Mr. Dewey will invoke the existing laws which penalize individuals and companies guilty of discriminatory policies.

Broadway Gossip

Canada Lee, the great Negro actor, will be featured in John Garfield's next film. . . . Garfield, by the way, is said to be negotiating for cinema rights to "Studs Lonigan." . . . Kurt Weill's music for Elmer Rice's "Street Scene" is slightly superlative. . . . Kurt, whose first effort on these shores was the 1937 score for Max Reinhardt's saga of the Jewish people, the "Eternal Road," has caught the rhythm of American life in the best Gershwin tradition. . . . Frank Sinatra will concert-tour the country when he returns from his vacation. . . . Proceeds will go to interracial organizations. . . . Rumor has Louis B. Mayer selling all his horses except Bernborough, the \$295,000 Australian Wonder Horse.

LEON LEONARD, 39, SWORN IN AS N. J. ASSEMBLY SPEAKER

Jewish Post Staff Correspondent

ATLANTIC CITY—Newly sworn in Speaker of the New Jersey House of Assembly is 39-year-old Leon Leonard, of this resort.

Given the honor of selecting a clergyman for the invocation at the organization ceremonies of the Legislature last Wednesday, his choice was Rabbi Joseph Narot, of Reformed Temple Beth Israel.

Born in Philadelphia and educated in the local public schools; graduate of Dickinson Law School, Leonard was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1930 and was an obscure counsellor when first elected to the assembly a half dozen years ago. Since then he has been an important cog in the local Republican political machine.

The speaker's daughter, 6-year-old Geraldine May, was slated to become "daughter of the Assembly" in a traditional by-play but

was ill at home and received the honor in absentia.

First Reform Temple In 3 N. England States

CONCORD, N. H.—Temple Beth Jacob here became the first Reform congregation in New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont with adoption of the liberal service and ritual. Rabbi Aaron B. Ilson is spiritual leader of the congregation.

Cantorial Conservatory Seen In Appointment

SPECIAL NEW YORK—His long-cherished idea for the establishment of a Conservatory for the training of cantors moved a step nearer fruition with appointment of Cantor David Putterman as director of the Department of Music of the United Synagogue of America.

Presently serving at Rabbi Milton Steinberg's Park Avenue Synagogue, Cantor Putterman has achieved an outstanding reputation through his national radio broadcasts and his RCA Victor records.

Rabbi Davis Gets Ph. D.

NEW YORK—The Faculty of Humanities of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem has awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy to Moshe Davis, Dean of the Teachers Institute and the Seminary College of Jewish Studies of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, for his work in Historical Judaism in America. He is the first American to have received a doctorate in absentia from the Hebrew University, where he took courses in 1937 and 1938 under a fellowship granted by the Lena Sokolow Fund.

AL SEGAL Speaks on MR. LEVY

MR. LEVY who had been wrestling with himself practically all night called on me in the morning. He was pretty well fagged out by the night-long effort and he had called on me to appoint me to the function of referee, you might say.

I call him Levy but his name isn't really that. It's something quite as Jewish, though. This is to say, the moment you hear his name you automatically know he is Jewish and, if your mind runs that way, you begin to wonder what kind of a Jew he is: Whether Zionist, non-Zionist or anti; whether Mizrahi or Poale Zionist; Orthodox, Conservative, Reform or Reconstructionist.

The fact is, though, that Mr. Levy has never bothered his mind with any of these Jewish conflicts, and I doubt very much whether he could tell you what a Mizrahi is. So, a Jew without problems, he might be a fairly contented person were it not for his name.



He had been fighting with his name for a long time. Indeed, the wrestling in which he had exhausted himself through the night had to do with his name: To keep on being Levy or to be something else.

"I want you to settle it for me," he said. "I've been thinking of changing to Leary."

Yes, he said, he had been having an awful time with Levy ever since Hitler began to make it so miserable for Jews. Hitler might be dead but he still was getting around ("if you get what I mean") and to be Levy had become like a sore thumb.

He said that when he signs at a hotel he can tell by his look that the room clerk is saying to himself, "This is another Jew." When he is paged he can detect the accusation in the bellboy's intonation. "It's like Hitler himself marching around the lobby shouting: 'Another Jew!'"

MR. LEVY SAID he could feel it in the atmosphere wherever he went. It was nothing he could put his hands on but it was there all right. . . . "Well, when you know there are a lot of people who are against you, you don't feel like throwing yourself in their faces, do you?" Last night, in bed, he had come almost to the climactic moment of the decision. His wife had asked: "Have you thought any more about changing our name?"

That started it. It was 11 o'clock when he retired; he heard the chimes in the living room strike 1 and still the matter hadn't been settled. "You see, I guess it was like something on my conscience. I thought to myself, after all, we had had the name I don't know for how long. My father, my grandfather and my great-grandfather had got along with it, and I don't know how many others before them. My father had the name on the store window and he had done all right with it. That's the way I argued with myself."

2 a.m. He was still awake and asking himself would it be fair to his kids to make them carry a name that would be like something awful heavy on their backs all their lives. Those kids should have a break. In the ordinary course of living they would have to take plenty, anyway, and why should he wish on them a name that would make it that much harder for them to get along? The chimes were striking 3 and he found himself playing with a whimsical idea that made him laugh and feel solemn almost at the same time. . . . "You see, I go to say kaddish for my father once a year and a funny thought came to my mind: Suppose I did become Leary what would my father Selig think when Leary came to say kaddish for him? His son had dropped the old name and had turned out to be a Leary? Would that be respectful?"

So it went on all night. Not until 5 did Mr. Levy fall asleep in sheer exhaustion. "I was up at 8—still Levy. It hadn't been settled."

Now here he was at my desk: Which should he be; Levy or Leary?

"What do you say?" he asked.

IN REPLY I took on the air of a psychiatrist at the moment when he looks through you and tells you at a glance all the neuroses that are in you. It was evident that Mr. Levy was ailing with a psychopathic condition common among us today.

"Mr. Levy," I said, "there's nothing the matter with your name that an adult sense of reality couldn't cure. You're a child with hysterics after a nightmare."

"Yes, I said, Hitler remains as triumphant among us as in the time when Jews were fleeing to the caves and woods from his madness. Mr. Levy had translated Hitler into the hotel clerk who, in Mr. Levy's frightened mind seemed to be thinking, 'This is another Jew'; into the bellboy in whose voice Mr. Levy detected Hitler shouting, 'Another Jew! Another Jew!'"

"Isn't this the mental ailment of many of us today?" I asked. "It's a contagion. Our minds are Hitler-ridden and we suspect Hitler in every shadow and in the voices of strangers and in their eyes. We have become frightened little people, scurrying to ways of escape. You seek escape in the arms of Leary."

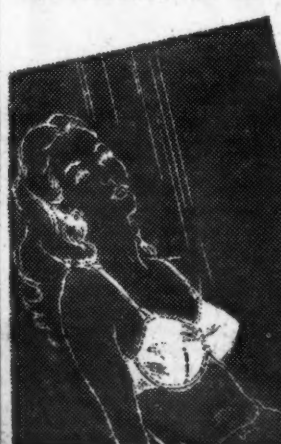
"Look, Mr. Levy, nothing really has happened to you on account of your name. Your business hasn't suffered; you are a prosperous man. Your children aren't at all underprivileged. All that's the matter with you is the neurosis that causes you to see Hitler in hotel clerks, bellboys and street car conductors and to want to run away from your name. Snap out of that. Beat down Hitler's ghost. Be the self-respecting man your father was; he wasn't afraid of his name and carried it to honor in the city. It's a good name because it has been made good."

But Mr. Levy appears to be a wrestler who doesn't take the referee's word for it. . . . "Oh," he said, "but what of my kids?"

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NEW YORK—In his column in the New York Journal-American of Jan. 9, Upton Close attacked the appointment of Lewis E. Strauss to the Atomic Energy Board. Bringing in a familiar theme, Close said, "Associated with Lillianthal . . . Is Lewis E. Strauss, also a New Dealer and a member of Kuhn, Loeb & Company, international bankers. Americans traditionally distrust international bankers, remembering how many of them have figured in world power politics and exploitation."

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Ruth Paller, Editor

ACHAD HA-AM—ONE OF THE PEOPLE

A boy was coming home from Cheder one snowy evening in a little Russian town. He should have been home long before, but he lingered reading a Russian sign, puzzling out the words. In the 1800's when Asher Ginsberg was going to Cheder, it was considered a waste of time for a Jewish child to learn any language but Hebrew and Yiddish, the first so that he could study Torah, and the second, so that he could talk with his family and friends.

But Asher wanted to know more than he could learn in Cheder, so he stood in the cold, sounding out the words on the Russian sign, when his father found him. He had been worried about Asher's tardiness and scolded him soundly. "You pay attention to your Hebrew and come straight home from Cheder, after this," said the father. "I don't want to hear of your wasting any more time on such nonsense as learning Russian." Asher knew he must find some other way of learning Russian, and he discovered there were books he could use. Soon, he knew the language as well as he knew Hebrew. Then he went on to learn Latin, German, and modern literature, all by himself, without the help of a teacher.

ALTHOUGH HE WAS interested in the learning of all people, he had a deep love for his

own people, and his own religion.

Then something happened which made it clear to Asher what he must do for the Jews.

In the 1880's, in Russia, there were clubs of Jewish people called Lovers of Zion or, in Hebrew, Choviveli Zion. The members believed that Jews should go to Palestine, establish colonies on the land, and live by farming, fruit-growing, and cattle raising. They were so enthusiastic about the possibilities that many young people started off at once to live a new life in Palestine.

What they did not take into account were the hardships they would find. At that time Palestine was not prepared for settlers as it is now. It was owned by Turkey, which took no interest in the people who lived there. All that the Turkish officers wanted was to get rich. So the land was neglected, and teemed with disease-breeding swamps. Water was hard to find. The soil had been used without care and was barren and stony.

THE ARABS WHO LIVED there were very poor and suffered from many dreadful diseases. There were no businesses or factories where the young Lovers of Zion could find work even if they had wanted to. The only thing they could do was to work on the land as farmers. But the land was so stony, and the water so sparse, that they were doomed to failure almost from the start. Besides these Russian Jewish lads were not used to farming. All their lives they had been businessmen, teachers, or handworkers. Neither the Turkish government officials nor the other Jews of the world gave them any help.

Many of the settlers took sick and died. Others left the colonies and returned home.

The Lovers of Zion were discouraged and did not know what to do.

THEN IT WAS THAT Asher Ginsberg knew how he could help his fellow-Jews. He wrote an article that made him known to all Hebrew readers. He used a pen-name, Achad Ha-am (which in Hebrew, means One of the People), and even since that time, he has been known as Achad Ha-am.

In his article, he explained what he thought was the best way to establish colonies in Palestine.

First of all, the Lovers of Zion must teach the people to love Palestine and Judaism so much that they would be willing to work

and suffer any hardships for their sake. Only such colonists could ever be successful in settling a land as poor as Palestine was at that time.

BUT THAT WAS NOT all. Achad Ha-am went on writing articles and what he told his people was this:

Jews should settle in Palestine in order to SAVE JUDAISM.

Now that seemed a queer thing to say, but Achad Ha-am explained.

Jews were living in many countries all over the world, he said, and they were becoming more and more like the people among whom they lived. That was good. But many of the people tried so hard to be just like their neighbors that they stopped living according to their Jewish religious laws, neglected studying the Torah and the Hebrew language, and some even went so far as to give up their membership in the synagogue and Jewish community and had nothing whatever to tie them to the Jewish people.

ACHAD-HA-AM WAS afraid that some day the Jews might forget their Judaism entirely.

Even if they remained Jewish, Achad Ha-am had noticed that Jews in Russia had different customs and interests from Jews in Germany. And those in America had different customs and interests again. He was afraid that each group would become a separate little community with no interest in Jews elsewhere in the world. He felt that if something were not found to hold Jews together as one people, Judaism would disappear.

Achad Ha-am thought and thought about how Judaism could be saved. At last he felt that he had found an answer. The solution was for Jews to settle in Palestine and develop it into a homeland, where the people would speak, read, and write Hebrew, produce plays and write books about Jewish life, make Jewish pictures and handwork, and compose Jewish music. All Jews would be proud of a land which could produce such Jewish culture.

SUCH A HOMELAND could serve Judaism in two ways, wrote Achad-am. First, it would be an example for all Jewry of what true Judaism could be. Besides, all Jews, even those who did not belong to any synagogue would be glad to work hand in hand with their fellow Jews in order to build up the homeland in Palestine. If all Jews worked together, some giving the work of their hands, others giving the work of their brains, and still others money and supplies, Palestine could become the homeland of Jewish dreams.

The writings of Achad-Ha-am

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David Fram, 5614 7th St., Washington 11, D. C. Welcome to the League. Your contest entry came in time for judging.

Rebecca Cohen, 2934 Ruckle, Indianapolis. Please accept our apologies for the misprint of the amount of your contribution to Raymonde. It has been corrected to read \$1.50. We are proud of your regular contributions because we know they come from your own allowance. Your contest entry arrived in time.

Rebecca Kay Horberg, 4520 Drexel Blvd., Chicago 15, Ill., sent a contest entry for the Judah Macabeus Contest. Let us hear

had such a strong effect on the Jews of the world that they set to work with a will and today, most of his aims are reality.

(From "How the Jewish People Live Today—Soloff. Published by Union of American Hebrew Congregations.)

more about you, Rebecca.

Sandra Jean Shanker, Box 365, Aiken, S. C., age 8, says: "I live way down south in a small town. We have only 18 Jewish families, but we do have a synagogue. I am in the 3rd grade, take ballet, tap and piano lessons. I am a member of the Brownies and am glad to join a Jewish organization at last. I enjoy reading the articles on the Junior Post page and the letters from the pen pals." We hope you will find happiness in activity with the League, Sandra.

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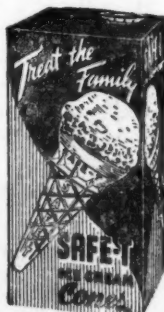
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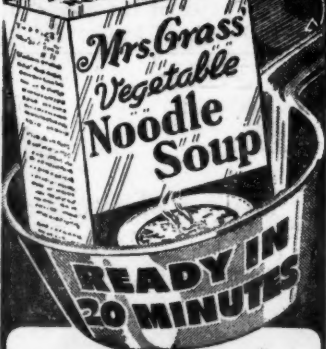
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COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAM PLAN INCLUDES COURSES FOR ADULTS

By RUTH PALLER

THE professional staff and board members of the Kirshbaum Community Center in Indianapolis sat down to talk over the situation. The Center, until now, had concentrated its activities mainly upon youngsters. Adults used the building for meetings, for the Open Forum lectures, occasionally for a gym class, and that was all. During the war, the facilities were offered to USO. Now we had the building back. What were we going to do with it?

The executive director, Irwin Lerner, and his assistant, Harry Sack, were prepared with a formidable program of activities which a Community Center should provide for its adult membership. They had the plan; they knew the techniques; but the adults were not accustomed to using the Center. What they needed was a leader from the community who would organize workers to put the plan into practice.

THEY WERE FORTUNATE, for they found that person. Mrs. Lewis Levy, mother of two little girls, capable and active worker in organizations, felt that here was a project which could be of value to the entire local Jewish community, and she made it her responsibility. All last summer she worked, finding activity leaders, making up committees, planning classes, securing teachers, arousing enthusiasm. With the guidance of the professional workers at the Center, her committee worked out the program which went into effect last fall and is meeting with such enthusiastic response that it had to be enlarged in midseason.

First there was the Monday night class in Parent-Child Relationships. The course lasted

three months. Every other Monday a psychiatrist addressed the class on problems of children's behavior and parents attitudes. On alternate Mondays, a social worker, who had attended the previous lecture summarized the talk and then opened the subject for general discussion and questions. Following each session were refreshments and a social hour, during which parents could speak privately to the psychiatrist or social worker and to each other.

The Great Books Course is conducted according to the plan sponsored by the University of Chicago. Fifteen authors are being studied this season... writers who consider fundamental problems and social issues which have confronted men through the ages. All the members of the class read the books and have general discussion of the content. A social hour follows this course, also, where the participants have an opportunity to say the things they did not have an opportunity to discuss in class.

The Class in Jewish Values, led by Rabbi David Shapiro, is studying the Book of Job.

THERE ARE ALSO AN ART CLASS, a photography course, and a dramatic group, currently rehearsing "Arsenic and Old Lace." This month, new courses are beginning in contract bridge, modern dancing and current events.

The classes are well attended. And what is more, the Center stands ready to give the Jews of this community whatever else they want in the way of general or specifically Jewish activities, a notable achievement for one season's effort.

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Our Film Folks of HOLLYWOOD

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By LEON GUTTERMAN

AT a time when the lives and loves of America's favorite songwriters, living and dead, are being memorialized on film, Irving Berlin is a notable holdout against letting Hollywood make his screen biography. The story of George Gershwin has been told by Warner Bros. in "Rhapsody in Blue." The music and career of Cole Porter provided the same studio with the inspiration for "Night and Day." The life story of Jerome Kern is being told in MGM's "Till the Clouds Roll By."

In Berlin's case, ten pictures have been built around the unforgettable melodies which he has given the world. But none has chronicled the life of the man who wrote them. Many of the films have dipped generously in the memorable procession "Blue Skies," which

stars Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire.

Actually, the life story of the man who has turned out more than 800 compositions, among them many of America's best-loved songs, is fascinating, inspiring and romantic material for a screen play. More than any other modern song writer, he has been the musical voice of democracy and his own career is a testimonial in tribute to the land of freedom and opportunity. In words and music he has expressed a nation's spirit during two world wars.

His is the story of a Russian immigrant boy, born Israel Baline, who grew up amid the poverty and pushcarts of New York's East Side and climbed to the pinnacle of success and adulation. It is a true rags-to riches tale which could hap-

pen only in America.

Irving, however, has steadfastly shaken his head whenever Hollywood has broached the idea of making a motion picture about him. "My songs are my story," says the slight, soft-spoken composer, "and Hollywood has told the tale in the music of pictures. I don't think I'd like to watch the movies doing my life, not yet anyway. After I'm gone, if my wife and children want it, that's another matter."

At the same time, box-office returns from the first 220 openings of Irving's "Blue Skies" presage that the picture will top every film in Paramount's history, possibly even the all-time record holder, "Going My Way!"

DANNY KAYE tells me that he has been signed to go into the Copacabana in Miami beginning Jan. 21, for two weeks at \$20,000 a week and 25 percent of the night club's take above \$50,000 weekly!

And George Jessel can't wait for an interview with his boss, Darryl Zanuck, at 20th Century-Fox, where he is tied up with film production. He wishes business wasn't that good because he has just received an offer from the same Copacabana Club in Miami Beach to play one week for \$15,000!

WHEN AL JOLSON visited Bing Crosby on the latter's ABC radio program recently, it was a sort of nostalgic glimpse of a past era in show business as well as a reunion of teacher-student as far as "Der Bingle" was concerned. Bing told me that when he was a youth in Spokane, Washington, he used to play and replay Al's records, which he took as a "lesson" in how to put a song across. The two first met in Spokane when Al made a personal appearance there while Bing was in high school!

Incidentally, Jolson's fans have never decreased and have, in fact, become more numerous than ever since the release of Columbia's "The Jolson Story," the movie based on his life.

Harpo Marx defines etiquette

What Foods These Morsels Be

LEAH W. LEONARD

RIGHT now we can all stand a few extra vitamins—I mean individually and collectively. So, let's talk about ways of preparing some of the plentiful citrus fruits that will meet some of that particular need. Besides, fresh fruits attractively and intriguingly served break the monotony of baked deserts.

Let's take the colorful, delicious, ever-flavorsome tangerine. It makes a cheerful eyeful on the fruitdish, but served as a dessert it is everything combined. Try the following recipe which can be prepared in advance for the Club Luncheon or a few minutes before the family dinner at home.

Mid-winter Salad Dessert of Tangerines

With a sharp pointed scissors cut through the skins of tangerines to make the petals. Six petals, cut almost to the bottom and turned in about an inch from the pointed tops is about right. With the fingers spread the tangerine segments slightly apart and place a small ball of cream cheese rolled in minced parsley in the center. Place each tangerine on a bed of shredded lettuce or in a lettuce cup and pass the sweetened salad dressing. A few cookies or cheese spread and toasted crackers make a delicious accompaniment to this dessert salad. Just add some canned pineapple juice or orange juice, freshly squeezed, to mayonnaise dressing. A few drops of rum or sherry makes it a holiday treat!

One tangerine per serving plus a teaspoon of your favorite cheese—and ad-lib the rest!

Here's another Old-Fashioned Kuchen Recipe that Mrs. Evelyn Schechter of Chicago will be interested in. It can be made up and stored in the refrigerator to be used when wanted, allowing just enough time for molding into shape and final rising, of course.

Old-Fashioned Kuchen Dough

Combine these:
1 cake yeast
1/2 cup lukewarm milk or water
1 cup sifted flour
1 tablespoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
Mix above ingredients and let rise 2 hours at room temperature.

Into the second mixture stir the risen sponge mixture, using a heavy spoon. Stir or beat for 10 minutes or until well combined. You'll need a large mixing bowl for this. Let rise about 6 hours or overnight. Use this basic dough for small Kuchen that can be fruit filled or decorated with chopped nuts, raisins or both. Or bake it into loaf or round Kuchen similarly enhanced.

Variations: A—Balls of this dough patted or rolled into 4 inch rounds, with a spoonful of plum butter in the centers and the rims brought up into petals or cup-shapes.

B—Work the dough lightly on a floured board and roll out with a few pats of the rolling pin. Cut into diamond shapes, brush each with melted shortening, sprinkle generously with slivered almonds, chopped pecans or walnuts. Add a sprinkling of sugar mixed with cinnamon and bring the two long points together in the center. Let rise, brush with beaten egg white, or yolk mixed with a little water (to glaze) and bake.

These Kuchens of small size should be baked at 350° F. 25 to 30 minutes or until lightly browned and the bottoms nicely crusted.

For cutable Kuchen, turn the risen dough into well greased pans and let rise before decorating in any desired way. Bake at 375° F. 30 minutes or until nicely browned at the edges. Remove to cake rack to cool in order to preserve the crisp underside.

Decorate in any of the following ways:

A—Shtreusel Topping made with equal parts of softened butter and flour, flavored with cinnamon, sugar, allspice in small doses or a dash of nutmeg. Mix together until balls about like peas are formed and spread over top of Kuchen as soon as well risen and ready for baking.

B—Soaked dried Apricots, well drained, may be laid in circular pattern on top of a round Kuchen. Thicken the liquid in which the dried fruit has been soaked, stirring in a little flour, sugar and a few drops of lemon juice if desired. Spread the mixture evenly over the fruit and bake.

C—Turn the dough into a loaf pan and let rise. With the bowl of a spoon make a depression down the center and fill with plum butter, Shtreusel Topping or a mixture of chopped nuts, raisins, grated orange or lemon rind and sugar or honey added for sweetening. Brush dough with milk or melted shortening and bake until nicely browned at 350° F.

To reach Mrs. Leonard, please write to Harmon-on-Hudson, N. Y.

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ing evening at sundown.)

Friday, January 24, 1947

The Editor's Chair.

The earnestness and sincerity of the letter in our Freedom of The Press section this week from the mother who lost a son in the war and complains: "Why must our people make such a loud display?" warrants more than a sharp reply.

It is true that Mrs. C. S. has a warped view of the Jewish group, despite her attempt to be fair. She criticizes the Jewish group and mentions her "wonderful" Gentile friends. It takes less than a trained psychologist to detect what these symptoms imply.

Yet Mrs. C. S. needs answering. She also needs what Judaism can give her. She needs to be convinced that she has every reason to have the greatest pride in Judaism and in the Jewish group.

Mrs. C. S. needs to be told that the loud Jew is not the real picture of the Jews, that there are reasons why some Jews place such an emphasis on showiness, and that any group placed in the same position as the Jewish people has been in the past hundred years, will have its share of individuals who make the mistake of believing that their insecurity and other abnormal traits can be covered over by overdressing or by extremes in many forms.

As for the bickering and intolerance in the Jewish groups, Mrs. C. S. needs to know that that comes of immaturity. Our national Jewish organizations, despite the fact that many are decades old, reflect the same insecurity and childishness that we find in the Jewish individual, and in addition they are fighting for supremacy in the American Jewish community. Ten, or better, twenty years from now, the situation will have become stabilized, and a president of an organization can stop looking under his bed each night, and devote some of his time to providing the service for the Jewish group his press division has been claiming all these years.

At that time too, there will have been peace as between Reform, Conservative and Orthodox. There will at least by then have been more than the beginning of what some of us call an American type of Judaism. The first signs of this emergence of an indigenous American type of Judaism are already visible in a good many smaller communities. Also there is the growing realization that non-Jews prefer Jews who are Jews, and that Judaism is a proud old religion, which will bring about the return to Judaism this paper believes in and preaches.

Mrs. C. S. has cultivated many non-Jewish friends. More of us should do exactly that. But she needn't, as seems obvious, have sacrificed normal relationships

and a normal pride in her own religion and her own people.

Were Mrs. C. S. an isolated individual, there would be no need for this "chair", but she is to be found by the hundreds all throughout the United States. She is the product of many various factors in the environment, Jewish and non-Jewish. I do not intend to go into that now, but I will say that the Jewish leadership knows what has happened to Mrs. C. S. and that steps have long been underway to bring to the Jewish group the necessary assurance that it has every reason to feel equal to any people anywhere on the face of the globe.

THE COLUMN WITHOUT A NAME

"13th October, 1663; After dinner my wife and I, by Mr. Rawlinson's conduct, to the Jewish Synagogue; where the men and boys in their vayles, and the women behind a lettice out of sight; and some things stand up, which I believe is their law, in a press to which all coming in to bow; and at the putting on their vayles do say something, to which others that hear the priest do cry Amen, and the party do kiss his vayle. Their service all in a singing way and in Hebrew. And anon their laws that they take out of the press are carried by several men, four or five several burthens in all, and they do relieve one another; and whether it is everyone desires to have the carrying of it, thus they carried round the room while such a service is singing. And in the end they had a prayer for the King, in which they pronounced his name in Portugall; but the prayer like the rest, is in Hebrew. But, Lord! to see the disorder, laughing, sporting, and no attention, but confusion in all their service, more like brutes than people knowing the true God would make a man forswear ever seeing them more; and indeed I never did see so much, or could have imagined there had been any religion in the whole world so absurdly performed as this." From Pepy's Diary as reprinted in The Jewish Chronicle of London.

Sermon of the Week: "The Gentle Ghetto"—Rabbi David Raab, Temple Emanu-El, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Congratulations to Rabbi and Mrs. (Hershel) Levine upon the birth of a daughter, Esther Ann, Saturday, December 28, in New York. Mother and daughter are doing fine. Shame on you Florence, don't you know that you are not allowed to labor in the Sabbath.—Bulletin of Temple Beth Shalom, Haddon Heights, N. J.

3 Added To Conference Future Committee

NEW YORK—The cooption and acceptance of membership on the Committee on Future Organization of the American Jewish Conference by Judge Harry M. Fisher, Harold J. Goldenberg and Ezra Z. Shapiro has been announced by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, committee chairman. The meeting of the Interim Committee Wednesday was to hear the report of the Committee on Future Organization, which met the day before.

Larry Asman, Gerald L. K. Smith aide and leader of the Christian Veterans' Intelligence Bureau, is now studying for the ministry in Florida.

Suggestions On Community-Wide Rabbis

MANY aspects of Rabbi David A. Goldstein's excellent article in the current issue of The Torch on "Ethics in Synagogue Life" have been commented on favorably in editorial columns, but what to The Post seems to be Rabbi Goldstein's most forward-looking suggestion seems to have escaped notice.

For some time now The Post has broached rather timidly the suggestion that the work of rabbis in the coming development of American Judaism might be expedited were they employed by the communities instead of by individual congregations. The concept of the rabbi as a servant of the entire community is becoming to be accepted more and more, and in a nation as large as the United States, the fragmentation of our religious leadership by congregations is bound to have serious effect on community solidarity.

But Rabbi Goldstein puts forward what is a natural first step towards The Post's ideal. He would have the rabbi serve first his own group, which in the case of the rabbis to whom Rabbi Goldstein directs his writing would be Conservative. The step from this to the community-wide service proposed by The Post is obvious.

Rabbi Goldstein's suggestion then reads in part:

"In a city where there are a number of conservative congregations, in order to avoid ugly competition and all practices unbecoming to the ethical character of a Synagogue, there ought to be developed one Federated Synagogue, just as there is a Federation which raises and budgets the money for all organiza-

Mr. Oberdorfer and Mr. May

THE POST can't say for Donald Oberdorfer what Carl Alpert wrote about Mortimer May in his well-deserved praise of that Nashville, Tenn., leader, but this paper has an idea that both of these gentlemen are going through an educational process which if they persevere, will in a few years make them real leadership material.

The Post saw Mr. Oberdorfer in action in St. Louis and pitied him. He wanted the Jewish communities to have some little bit of say, only the smallest fraction of a say, about the operation of the two agencies in the Joint Defense Appeal—the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee.

A newcomer to a position of importance nationally, Mr. Oberdorfer whose name is one to make people pause in Atlanta, was taken through the wringer by the stalwarts of the two agencies, and after the operation, Mr. Oberdorfer was exactly where the man was who ran his head into a stone wall.

Mr. Oberdorfer's requests were so minimal that The Post would now be attacking them had they been adopted. But they weren't adopted. They were voted down and the heresy was denounced in the strongest terms.

The Future Organization of The Conference

THERE can't be much rejoicing over the deliberations of the Committee on Future Organization of the American Jewish Conference.

In fact, although the committee made its report only Wednesday, which report was not available when this editorial was written, there is much to complain of.

Whatever the final recommendations of the committee were, they will not lead to any considerable strengthening of the Conference. The Conference will be continued as is with some few minor changes. It will be the same conference which was saved from limbo when the Zionist caucus which had previously agreed to the dissolution at the third session, changed its mind at the last minute.

There was one way to change the Conference from "another Jewish organization" which it is, to The Jewish organization of U. S. Jewry. That was to let the Jewish communities of the U. S. express themselves pub-

ly by means of hearings in all parts of the nation. In this way those national Jewish organizations who value their own vested interests (preserves laid out by themselves) more than the welfare of the Jewish group, would have been placed on the spot again. They could have ignored this public opinion or they could have made more of those concessions they have been making over the past few years, when they were forced to, which is giving the Jewish community more and more say over what our paternalistic national Jewish organizations do.

Adding Judge Harry Fisher, Harold J. Goldenberg and Ezra Shapiro to the committee seven or eight months after it was formed, and just before it reported its findings, was a sop to those of us who demanded that public sentiment on the future of the Conference be gauged. This maneuver will fool no one. The Post will have more to say when the committee's report is made public.

Current Comment

daughter to Hebrew School. "My child has so much homework and then she takes piano lessons, etc., etc." This, despite the fact that this same mother has a son who takes piano lessons, has homework, etc., and still manages to attend Hebrew School.

The ratio of boys to girls in our school is about ten to one. Their disparity in numbers does not prevent the girls from winning most of the prizes that are awarded at the end of the term. These statistics prove something. They prove that the child is willing but the parent is weak. Unless the girl had an inherent desire to study, unless she enjoyed her work in our school and developed a love for our heritage, she could not possibly excel. Why deprive your child of her just due?

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LEADER IRKED BY ALPERT'S VIEWS, SUGGESTS WAYS TO ALTER STATUS QUO

Editor, The National Jewish Post:

I must protest Carl Alpert's column concerning the attitudes of southern Jews. Being a Bostonian by birth and temperament, and having resided in the south only for a matter of months, Mr. Alpert is almost in the position of the legendary American Jew who visits Palestine for two weeks, and then retires to write a book on the Palestine problem, based on his personal observation. I doubt whether Mr. Alpert is in a position to write authoritatively on southern attitudes, and certainly not on their motivation.

However, leaving aside Mr. Alpert's qualifications for interpreting the south, may I point out that the attitude to which he objects is not the property of southern Jews, as such, but a southern attitude, of which Jews partake. In short, Mr. Alpert chastises southern Jewry for partaking of the culture in which they live, since such culture is alien to traditions of Judaism. Now, whether these facts are true, (and I believe that they are) the fact remains that he is calling upon southern Jews to revolt against the non-Jewish elements of the world in which they live, while he makes no mention, in this or previous columns, about Jews in other places partaking of a culture equally alien.

It's just as alien to Jewish ethics to try to cheat on income taxes, take bankruptcy to avoid paying just debts, hire workers for less than they need to live, or to buy on the black-market, and these are surely not traits confined to southern Jewry. Indeed, one need not delve into metaphysics to deduce that the entire profit system is alien to Jewish life as it should be lived, but does Mr. Alpert chide Bostonians, or any Yankees, for partaking of life as they find it?

Mrs. Alpert's experience on the bus must indicate to thinking minds that individual revolt, or even group revolt in the case of

groups as small as southern Jews, can only succeed in causing unpleasantness. If it served a purpose, one might be inclined to agree that it is worth it, but human beings, even New England Jews, cannot live a life of perpetual revolt with no results. Under the existing situation in America, such small revolts are not the proper path.

May I point out further that Jews are in the forefront of all organized efforts to change the factors which bring about the southern situation. To live in New York and be horrified about the south is easy. It reminds one too much of the march on Washington to protest a lynching in Georgia, when the march should have been made to the town where the lynching occurred. If Mr. Alpert is really interested and sincere in wanting to change the situation in the south, he can work through such organizations. Otherwise, I am told that his previous station down south would welcome him back, and there he can practice the revolt that he preaches.

In the final analysis, Jewish life is and must be a compromise. It is impossible to observe the spirit and content of Judaism anywhere but in Palestine. Do not then chide one group of Jews in America for following the line of least resistance and participating in the culture in which they live, but rather point out to all Jews in America that neither the ritual, traditional forms of Judaism, nor the moral, ethical content of Judaism can be practiced in a free-enterprise, "scientific," materialist environment, and that the only proper life for a Jew is in Palestine. Is this, to your mind, a "reductio ad absurdum?" I have my visa, and am leaving soon.

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ASKS HOW CAN GENTILES RESPECT US? TELLS INCIDENTS OF FRIENDLINESS

Editor, The National Jewish Post:

It depresses me to read of the intolerance of our own people, to one another. And for that reason, how can the Gentiles tolerate and respect us, when we do not respect ourselves?

And too, why must our people make such a loud display of themselves. I see a great deal of it in our community, and it hurts to read about it also.

I raised three sons. One made the supreme sacrifice in this last war (God rest him). Perhaps I should go into some details about the wonderful Gentile people who showed true friendship at that time. And some of the Gentile people we have known these many years.

First of all, when my sons were growing up, ours was an open house to all the children in the neighborhood. (We were the only Jews in this district) The children would love to come in on Friday evenings, to see the candles burn-

ing, and I would explain that it was our sabbath.

And some of the boys would go to the synagogue on Yom Kippur Eve to hear Kol nidre.

One of those boys is a principal (rather was), for he is now at Harvard taking a course for a master degree. He writes to me and calls me Mom. Remembers me on Mother's Day, although he has a mother of his own. He is a Gentile, but I do think he has no ugly thoughts about our people. Another Gentile boy sent me a letter at the time he heard about our loss, and from the bottom of his heart, wished it had been he instead.

I can mention many more incidents. Perhaps this one more. When the children were young and as boys are, do get into scraps, I happened to look out of the window one morning, when I saw my son running for the house and a boy running after him, very angry. I went out to inquire. My son was in the wrong. I listened to each. I told the other boy, that Bob was wrong, but why fight about it. Can't we settle it by having a little party. So I brought out lemonade and cookies, and all ended with a nice time. The boy moved away shortly after. Many years later, a young man rang our bell. I went to the door and recognized him. He looked us up; that is, he was within a few hundred miles and

Says Lewis' Reviews Should Be Read By All

Rabbi Theodore N. Lewis
1515 46th Street
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Dear Rabbi Lewis:
I have been an avid reader of your book reviews in the Jewish Post for many months. Please accept my sincere congratulations and profound admiration for your courage, honesty and forthrightness. Your reviews should be read by all the people not only for the clear grasp of the theme that immediately becomes apparent, but for the instructiveness which they reflect. Your review of Sholom Asch's "East River" was especially admirable.

Wishing you continued health and many years of successful leadership, I remain

Very sincerely yours,
CHARLES J. SHOULSON
Rabbi
Elmira, N. Y.

To Admit 1,000 Orphans, Argentina Says

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
BUENOS AIRES—Admittance of 1,000 orphaned Jewish children from Europe has been approved by the Argentine Government, and arrangements for their entry will be announced soon, Foreign Minister Juan Bramuglia has informed the DAIA, central body of Argentine Jewry.

This was told to Dr. Moise Goldmann, president of the DAIA, who had called on Home Secretary Angel Borlenghi to discuss anti-Semitic manifestations. Borlenghi told Dr. Goldmann that the matters about which he complained have been discussed with President Juan Peron and the situation "will be clarified" shortly.

165 Rabbis, Yeshiva Men Reach San Francisco

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—A group of 165 rabbis and yeshiva students, survivors of rabbinical seminaries in Poland, arrived this week in San Francisco from Shanghai where they were marooned during the war, it was announced here by United Service for New Americans. They are being admitted to this country on teachers', students' and other temporary visas.

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NEW YORK—Frederick Jacob, noted composer of modern music, and Leonard Bernstein will head a group of nine musical experts who will serve as judges in the forthcoming Jewish Music contest conducted by the Jewish Music Council of the Jewish Welfare Board. One \$1,000 prize and two \$500 prizes will be awarded prize winning composers of musical works "reflective of the spirit of the Jewish people."

An eighty-page pamphlet "Judaic Communism Versus Christian-Americanism" has been published by Marilyn R. Allen of Salt Lake City, Utah. Miss Allen is one of the leaders of the Pro-American Vigilantes, which among other works publishes "The Jewish Protocols and Their Application to Present Times."

had to stop to see us. He had a big position in Hollywood.

C. S.
New York, N. Y.
P. S. Please do not use my name, for I do not wish to be ridiculed. It is hard to criticize one's own people.

SAYS RABBI WISE NOT THINKING WELL ON PROBLEM OF ZIONIST DISCIPLINE

Editor, National Jewish Post,

The announcement made by Dr. Stephen S. Wise two weeks ago that he had severed himself completely from the Zionist Organization of America, brings to a boiling head an issue that has been simmering over the cauldron of controversy for the past few years, and which must be faced by American Jews, Zionists and anti-Zionists alike. That issue is whether Zionism per se, and necessarily, organizations through which Zionist idealism and objectives are expressed and furthered, necessarily create a split personality among American Jews.

The concept of "split personality" in this connection is used by the editor of the "Information Bulletin" of the American Council for Judaism, but it was Dr. Stephen S. Wise, founder and former president of the Zionist Organization of America, and for many years its official spokesman here and abroad, who strangely enough, furnished the groundwork for this issue. In replying to a question put by The National Jewish Post, as to how he could have supported the British loan in defiance of Zionist "discipline," Dr. Wise said:

"There is another discipline to which I am bound—that of an American citizen. I refuse to allow the Zionist Organization to dictate to me what I am to think or do. . . . The British loan was as important to the American people as it was to the British. . . . No Jewish organization shall dictate my right to act as an American citizen."

But since when is the articulation of a policy by an organization to be construed as a denial of the right of free speech? No organization of any character could be of any value or function with any effectiveness if its pronouncements and principles were challenged by its own officers as limiting the right to act as good American citizens.

Let me give an illustration of the fallacy of Dr. Wise's reasoning from the current political arena. About a week ago the New York Times reported that

"The Republican leaders in the House have formed a stern line of authority along which all prospective labor legislation must pass the most critical examination and they probably will allow only a single emergency bill to reach the floor."

Will Senator Taft, or will Republican Representative Francis Case of South Dakota, who introduced a Labor bill, stalk out of the Republican Party and say "No political party shall dictate my right to act as an American citizen?"

But we must go farther in our analysis of Dr. Wise's statement. When he categorically denied the right of any Jewish organization to dictate policies in conflict with his Americanism, he fell into the same trap of fallacious thinking as did the editor of the American Council for Judaism and all anti-Zionists, namely, that Zionism is a nationalist loyalty for the American Jews.

Zionists are as much to be blamed as non-Zionists for not thinking their problem through. Zionism is the movement for a Jewish homeland in Palestine for the Jews of Europe and Asia, but not for the Jews of America. Unlike the European Jew, who is, and has been from the beginning, a part of the "Jewish nation," the American Jew is an American in nationality, a Jew in religion and cultural heritage.

Up to 156 years ago the Jews of Europe were regarded as aliens and as part of the Jewish "nation" which was scattered over the face of the earth. In 1791 equality of political rights was accorded the Jews of France and within the next century this lead was followed by nearly all of the countries of western Europe. It was not until 1919, following World War I, that the Jews of Poland, Rumania, Latvia, Czechoslovakia and some other countries were given equal rights as citizens. But these rights were accorded not by the Polish people, but by the League of Nations.

In the new Poland created by the Peace Conference, pogroms and massacres soon revealed the fact that the emancipation of the Jews was not accepted by the "soul" of the Polish nation. The Balkan nations kept the faith badly. And since the conclusion of World War II, it is obvious that there are few countries in Europe in which the emancipation of the Jews is secure. Jan Masaryk said recently that if in Czechoslovakia the rights of Jews are questioned, in what European country are they safe? Not even France has made adequate atonement for the Vichy laws of degradation. Ah no, the Jews of Europe are still a nation, part of that ancient Jewish nation which lived in Palestine and went into long exile in 70 A. D.

When once American Jews recognize the true character of European history and the status of the Jews of Europe as a nation with its roots in antiquity, they will begin to realize that there cannot be one formula for the Jews of all the world in the matter of national affiliation. It is only in the truly democratic and liberal countries that a new chapter of American life began with the emancipation of the Jews. In all of Europe, even including France and Czechoslovakia, it is quite evident that "equality, fraternity and liberty" were not meant for the Jews, and that emancipation was only a "strange interlude" in the dark nightmare of Jewish life.

With reference to the nationalism of the Jews of Europe, the Jews of America have the same right to differ, without qualifying their Americanism, as in all other matters of international life. Intrinsic in the American way of life is the right to honest difference of opinion. Zionism is not another nationalist loyalty in American life—it is another nationalist loyalty in the international family of nations. Dr. Wise has not thought his problem through.

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By RABBI BENJAMIN SCHULTZ

Urges Jewish Fight to Clean Movies

RAT-TAT-TATT! For a while last night, I yearned to be a gangster. It's so romantic. We viewed "our" John Garfield, in "Nobody Lives Forever" (Warner Bros.) Today, we read of two young boys, no previous record, who killed a woman on a lonely road, for reasons they couldn't explain.

Movies, more than sermons, are molding our moral climate. Pastors and priests are calling the nation to shame.

But not rabbis.

Killing, rape and lust give odor to "Duel in the Sun." Los Angeles Protestant and Catholic committees, worried over their kids, are heard in protest.

But not Jews.

Oh, yes, a flurry swept the rabbis' Conference in '34. Philadelphia's Fineshriber headed a committee to do something; after the gathering deplored the "harmful moral influence exerted by many motion pictures." Well, he was supposed to report back.

He never did. And that was that.

Is there an organization of Jews for screen cleanliness? I can't find one. Anti-defamation groups consider it a pious matter; and send you to the Synagogue Council. But—hold on to your chair! That Council is working on anti-defamation.

Its president, Rabbi William Rosenblum, is going to Hollywood about "Able's Irish Rose."

Well, anti-Semitism is important. But so is plain decency. By the way, isn't it self-defamation to be, so obviously, left out—of efforts to purify the screen?

G.I. Son's Insurance Turned Over to Hillel

In tears, Chicago's Mr. and Mrs. Golbus got that \$10,000. Insurance for their dead G.I. son, Robert. At once, they thought of others. And turned all the money over to Hillel Foundation, for college boys' help.

Would Convert Europeans to Judaism

With his wounds still on him, aged Nazi victim, Rabbi Baek, wants, at 70, to convert Europe to Judaism. And seriously! "Thousands," he privately told the Reform Conference in London last summer, "are fed up with the churches they were born in. They want something inspiring. And we, who appeal now to all men with a conscience, have a chance to make new Jews, to replace those we have lost." Let our doctors, for instance, heal the sick of the Continent for ten years. There's a thirst for that. And masses, without too much urging, would embrace our faith.

And this miracle man wants to go himself! Many among us, support him. Why shouldn't we propagate our faith? they ask. Must we Jews, on this subject, also fear?

JIR Head Regrets School's Reform Bent

He was invited to give the speech. Big anniversary luncheon of N.Y. Reform Rabbis' Association. So Stephen Wise got up, and began, "I'm not interested in Reform Judaism." He continued in the vein of Unity. "They often ask me, 'Dr. Wise, would you wear a hat?' Why, I'd wear three or four hats at once, if it contributed to better feeling. I regret the Free Synagogue was founded in an age of extremism. I assure you we'd be far different, if we started today."

Here and There

HOUSTON: A honeymoon is over. You see, Chaplain Bob Kahn, who wasn't elected by that anti-Zionist congregation, got the new pro-Zionist temple. While Bob was in service, Dr. Alan Green officiated. All liked him so well, that both Green and Kahn were kept on, later. But things just don't go, that fashion. So now, Dr. Green is forming a new Reform temple, in Cleveland, they say.

PROVIDENCE: Something about that new England air! Now Rabbi Braude has a throat ailment. Couldn't speak for a while. Just like Liebman, in Boston. Both are recovering.

NEW YORK: Still a shortage of rabbis. So much so, that Cincinnati and Dr. Wise's Institute of Religion are graciously sending congregations that apply for rabbis, to one another. Ex-chaplains, and young graduates, ask \$6,000 a year.

Address Rabbi Schultz at 65 Hamilton Ave., Yonkers 5, N. Y.

Beloved Jewish Leader Dies

LOS ANGELES — Nathan Weisman, beloved Jewish leader, communal worker and philanthropist died at the age of 65 after a brief illness. He was the founder of the "Guardians," the principal supporting organization of the Jewish home for the aged. Over 1,000 people attended the funeral.

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Ireland's Gift—DPs Get Million Lbs. Meat

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

DUBLIN—The government of the Irish Free State has donated 1,000,000 pounds of kosher meat for distribution among Jewish DPs in European camps.

This gift was decided upon following a visit to Dublin of Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, of Palestine, who, in his talks with cabinet members, described the plight of Jewish DPs and emphasized the shortage of kosher foods in the camps. The kosher meat sent by the Eire government will be distributed among the inmates of camps by the Joint Distribution Committee.

Greenberg Sold To Pittsburgh Pirates

PITTSBURGH—Henry (Hank) Greenberg, whose entire major league career has been with the Detroit Tigers in the American League, has been purchased by the Pittsburgh Pirates of the National League. No price was announced, but it was for a "sizeable sum," the report said.

Greenberg led the American League in home runs last season with 44. His highest ever was 58 several years back.

Book By Dr. Bernheim Wins Norton Award

BALTIMORE—Dr. Bartram M. Bernheim, an associate professor of surgery at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, has been given the \$3,500 W. W. Norton Medical Award for 1947 as the winner of a national contest for medical writings of interest to the general public. His prize-winning book, "A Surgeon's Domain," will be published in mid-March.

Dr. Bernheim, a fellow and founder of the American College of Surgeons and a fellow of the American Medical Association, served in World War I as a captain and later as a major with the Johns Hopkins unit in France.

Sir Tuck's Daughter Weds

BALTIMORE — Miss Moyra Grace Tuck, youngest daughter of Major Sir Reginald and Lady Tuck, of Sussex, England, became the bride last Thursday of Lee David Greif, prominent in business circles here.

She was given in marriage by a brother-in-law, Edwin Morgenthau, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The bride, who is 26 years old, comes from a wealthy and distinguished British family. Her father is managing director of Raphael Tuck & Sons, Ltd., one of Britain's leading art publishers.

Mr. Greif, who is 38, is vice-president of L. Greif & Bro., Inc., one of the largest clothing manufacturing concerns in the United States, with a plant here.

Should Take Part in Jewish Work

NEW YORK—Henry Morgenthau, Jr., who heads the 1947 United Jewish Appeal, is setting an example for the Jews prominent in general but not Jewish endeavors, Rabbi Louis I. Newman said in a talk Saturday at Rodeph Sholom Temple. "When Jews who are great become great Jews," he said, "the welfare of the Jewish people will be greatly enhanced."

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We Now Fight To Keep DP Camps As They Are

ABOUT D.P.'s in camps—let's fight to keep them there! That's what it has come to, writes Margoshes from Paris (Day). Raise your voice "not for the liquidation of the camps but for their maintenance." The U. S. spends \$8,000,000 a month. Ten percent of our military work in Germany "is devoted to the procurement and movement of supplies for D.P.'s." Also, the Army "has been feeding and housing the D.P.'s all along."

Taxpayers may get weary; and "make plans to chuck" the whole thing. And what will happen then? We'll turn "the D.P.'s over to the Germans. You can imagine what that would mean to the Jews..."

Humanitarians must fight for the status quo. Let's be clear on that, says the writer.

Jewish Views

On The Polish Election

"Democracy" lost Sunday, in Polish elections. That is, free voting did. The Red-dominated regime "won." So—who cares?

The Jews shouldn't, claims Aaron Zeitlin (Journal). Poles are poisoned by Hitlerism. "Liberty isn't a matter of elections, it's a way of life." It's not supposed to produce fascist victories in voting; but that's exactly what would have happened with Poles, if they hadn't been controlled. Don't forget: that's the land of the Kielce slaughter. The Forward expresses misgivings about the Reds and their iron fist. Sure, that paper would rather see "anti-Semitic pogromchiks in power," cries the Freiheit.

I hold no brief for Poles, answers B. Shefner (Forward). Our blood waters their soil. But the matter isn't Polish, or local. Where dictatorship rules—of any kind—it's no solution for Jews. A precedent is being set of suppression of an entire country, of minorities, of majorities. Such suppression in this world, such flouting of treaties and agreements, means ruin to the future of Jews. The present regime promises things to Jews; has Jewish candidates. But the most anti-Semitic, regime & pre-war Poland also promise things to

Jews; and had Jewish candidates. With what result? Don't put your faith in tyranny!

Meanwhile, the opposition's Mikholachik claims, in Warsaw, to the Day's Jean Jaffe, that his party condemned Kielce, and hatred; but the government didn't allow them to print that in the papers.

Pro And Anti-British Views; Some Believe Zionist's Err

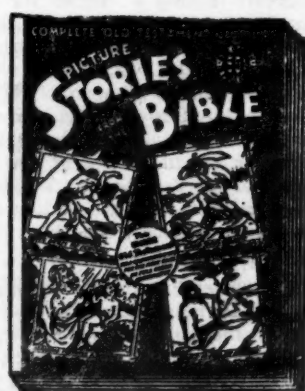
Chemist Weizmann, the diluter, tried to change Herzl's militant Zionism. Attempting to turn iron to gold, he got "something that can't be printed in the paper." Thus Danzis the Revisionist (Day). That England hasn't the slightest idea, yet, how it's going to settle the Palestine problem, is the contention of the Forward's Zivion. All the more reason, then, why the Zionists should have gone to the London Conference, he avers. They could have changed things. Anyhow, "Britain will impose her solution finally." We have everything to lose by staying away. Margoshes comments, after seeing the biggest Cabinet figures, "We will get justice from England yet."

Dingal Sees Proposal As Serious Mistake

That was no favor New York's Congressman Klein did us, writes S. Dingal (Day). He wanted a provision not to have G.I. tuition paid in "discriminating" colleges. Had only a minute to speak. And fell right into the lap of Rankin who screamed Jews are making things hard for "white" students. Jewish Representatives should not leave us worse off than before, declares Dingal. Either they should not bring things up that haven't a chance; or they should think speeches through, and get plenty of speaking time. They should think of others than themselves.



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